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Tory drive to scrap annual pay increases

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government launched a drive yesterday for a transformation in the attitude of British industry to the arrangements for negotiating pay, including the abandonment of national bargaining and the guaranteed annual increase.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, in a message which is being followed up by the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and other senior ministers, urged the introduction of a system of paying workers based on competition and the ability to pay, and rewards for merit and performance.

Behind the radical plan is the Government's desire to produce more jobs in the regions by enabling companies to pay lower rates there, and thus address the growing concern over the North-South divide which ministers believe threatens to become a key election issue.

It will mean a large-scale upheaval in the expectations of managements and workforces about pay.

The Government is planning to exhort the private sector, while leading the way in the public sector through encouraging greater regional variations in pay deals and urging local authorities, as Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, has already done, to pay what they can afford and to tear up national agreements.

Mr Clarke, who was delivering a lecture at the City University Business School in London, urged negotiators to ban the annual pay round, the so-called "going rate" for pay increases, the concept of pay comparability with other groups, job evaluation exercises and national bargaining.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, last night described Mr Clarke's plan as a "recipe for industrial anarchy from which many employers will shrink".

He said it had always seemed strange that everyone doing apparently the same job should receive the same level of pay. Some would do the job better than others and it was only right to pay more to those who brought enthusiasm, enterprise and initiative to their work.

If they could move to a system where pay rises were based primarily on performance, merit, profitability, and supply and demand in the local labour market "we will dethrone once and for all the annual pay round, and the belief that pay increases do not have to be earned".

Mr Clarke said that industry must move away from the belief that everyone was entitled to an annual increase, irrespective of their company's performance.

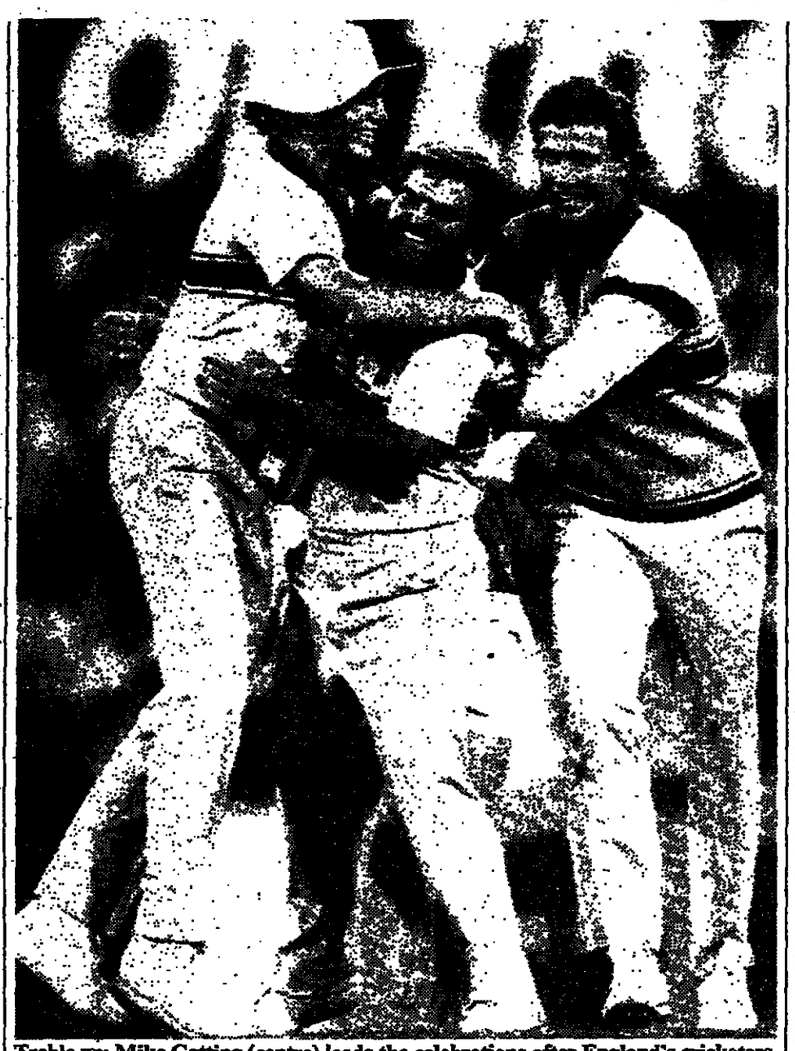
"We must move away also from the belief that increases in pay must be the same in all industries, in all regions. This is attractive to many employers and employees because it provides an easy way to reach apparently fair settlements without either party having to be nasty to the other.

"Many employers are happy to encourage a cosy relationship with union representatives and are afraid of appearing nasty to their workforce. But the cost of being nice is a loss of jobs.

Too many employers readily agreed pay claims based on so called comparability with other groups, Mr Clarke said. It was a dangerous delusion to think league tables could take account of the different circumstances in which firms operated. He dismissed it as just another mechanism for "feeding high wage increases, leap-frogging claims and destroying jobs."

National pay bargaining was remote and destroyed jobs, taking insufficient account of the different circumstances of individual enterprises or of variations in the demand for workers and the cost of living in different parts of the country.

Local bargaining was more responsive to what individual firms could afford to pay. An efficient and effective labour market would respond with differential rates of pay for companies, industries and geographical areas. Mr Clarke predicted opposition not only from unions but employers wedded to national bargaining. "These are the employers who are not interested in raising efficiency, increasing profitability and generating new jobs, but instead only seek a quiet life. But that quiet life guarantees only a slow death."



Treble up: Mike Gatting (centre) leads the celebrations after England's cricketers had won the World Series Cup final against Australia in Sydney yesterday to add to their victories in the Ashes and Perth Challenge. John Woodcock, page 40

Telecom workers accept offer

By Tim Jones

The strike by British Telecom engineers ended yesterday, after 17 days, when they voted overwhelmingly to accept a compromise pay deal, although it appears NCU members in Liverpool may not abide by the decision.

In spite of sustained opposition led by the London branches of the National Communications Union, the national vote was 53,757 to 28,999 in favour of the 12.66 per cent offer which is tied to significant changes in working practices.

Mr Iain Vallance, Telecom's chief executive said: "A long period without the disruption of pay bargaining, coupled with long overdue changes in working arrangements, will give us a solid foundation on which to build up our business and improve the service to our 21m customers".

When they return to work today engineers will concentrate on repairing public telephones then deal with restoring faults

It appeared last night, however, that union members in Merseyside were prepared to ignore the national vote and continue the dispute.

One of the biggest votes against the negotiated settlement came from the London North Central branch.

More than 2,000 of them gave their local leaders a standing ovation when it was announced they had voted by 1,597 to 200 for continuing the strike.

The men who had demanded a 10 per cent "no strings" deal, unanimously passed a vote of no confidence in their general secretary, Mr John Golding and his negotiating team.

In spite of the accusations against him, Mr Golding is confident that his reputation for being able to judge the mood of his members remains intact after the union's first national strike in its 110-year history.

The executive of the union's clerical group, which represents about 33,000 workers, has recommended acceptance of a 10.97 per cent pay deal

Bishop warns of Rome alliance

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, is prepared to enter talks with the Roman Catholic church or the Orthodox church if the Church of England is determined to ordain women as priests.

He said yesterday he has turned against dividing the Church of England into two parts, one with women priests and one so-called "continuing Church of England" without them.

If the General Synod in two weeks decides to proceed towards ordaining women, he expects to lead a group of Anglicans in talks with other episcopal churches, with a view to entering full Communion with them.

Rome is the most likely, and would probably be the preferred choice of other senior churchmen, who share Dr Leonard's total opposition to the ordination of women in the Church of England.

Dr Leonard, who is married with two children, said that from the Roman Catholic point of view there could be problems accepting married priests and bishops.

He said: "I am very doubtful about what are called continuing churches. I have never had any plans to set up a continuing church or try to create a separate Church of England."

Dr Leonard said he agreed with the recent report of the House of Bishops, which rejected the concept of two parallel durisdictions, one with women priests and one without, inside the church.

The Bishops' report recognized that "those who could not remain would need to find other ways of continuing in existence, and will be entitled to explore such ways".

Dr Leonard said: "That is a quite clear invitation. How I am going to respond to that I don't know, and that is absolutely truthful."

He issued a statement on Tuesday which referred to "definite actions" if the General Synod was seen to be moving inexorably towards women priests.

Madame Cyn is cleared

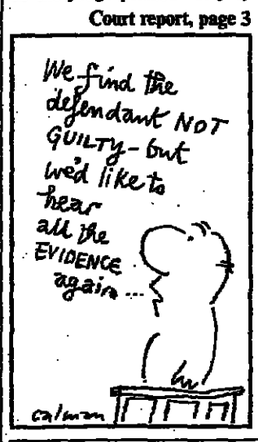
After a thirteen-day hearing that cost around £100,000, a jury at the Inner London Crown Court yesterday acquitted Mrs Cynthia Payne of nine charges of controlling prostitutes at her home in Streatham, south-west London.

The judge, Mr. Brian Prior QC, accepted a majority verdict on all the counts. Mrs Payne, 53, was also awarded her costs.

During the frequently lurid evidence that was presented about parties organised by Mrs. Payne at her home, the court heard allegations concerning striptease acts, lesbian floorshows and wholesale and unhibited sexual activities involving her guests."

Mrs Payne, who does not object to the nickname Madame Cyn, looked uncharacteristically solemn in the dock before the not guilty verdicts were read out. She allowed herself a small smile as the judge praised the jury

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British Airways lifts off at 119p

By Ray Heath

The privatization that was once feared would never take place, became one of the stock market success stories when dealings in British Airways shares began at 2.30pm yesterday.

Amid a roar of clichés such as "soared, vertical take-off, launched, floated skywards, and rocket assisted," BA shares proved all the doubters wrong by starting life at an immediate premium of more than 80 per cent over the first instalment price of 65p.

The next stage of 60p will be paid in August, and if yesterday's performance continues, shareholders will not mind paying up one bit.

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BA was the first issue of this size since the City's Big Bang left the Stock Exchange's trading floor almost deserted. So, Lord King, chairman of BA, witnessed the start of dealings from the dealing room of Rowe & Pitman, the stockbroker.

There the aeronautical connections were hard to avoid. The room full of computer screens was as tense as a Nasa control room as the countdown began.

On the unofficial "grey" market, BA's shares had been rising steadily for days, and now stood at 104p. Would this be reflected in stock market deals?

"Zero!" and the screens were covered in numbers. All over the room young men and women started shouting. There is no time for big figures in these markets, and that meant an opening price of 119.5p, way above all expectations.

Lord King looked pleased for the cameras.

Now the selling started in earnest and the indicator showing the volume of trade began to flicker. Within 10 minutes, 25 million shares had changed hands. By 2.50pm, 57 million shares had been traded.

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister of Aviation, pointed out what an historic day it was for British aviation. By then, 126 million shares had changed hands and the price had slid to 108p. Still a handsome premium, but one he was asked to defend. Had BA been sold too cheaply?

"No, we are quite satisfied that we sold on a fair price. Only two-and-a-half weeks ago people said we would not be able to sell the airline at the price," he replied.

Lord King concurred. "I don't think we were underpriced. The market has come up by 10 to 11 per cent. We caught the tide at the right time," he said.

By the end of the day about 280 million shares had been traded and at the closing price of 109p for the 720.2 million shares issued, BA was worth £1.2 billion.

● The Labour Party last night demanded an inquiry into the BA flotation, claiming that the under-valuation of its share issue had cost the taxpayer more than £300 million (writes Philip Webster).

Mr Tony Blair, an opposition Treasury spokesman, alleged that overseas speculators would take a first-day profit of more than £50 million.

Hooded intruder found at Kensington Palace

Two policeman were attacked with a hammer by an intruder in the grounds of Kensington Palace early yesterday.

The man, wearing a black hood, with eye-slits, was discovered at 1am by the garden wall, Scotland Yard said last night.

An officer from the Royal and Diplomatic Protection Squad challenged the man who threatened him with a hammer. Another officer arrived and a struggle broke out.

An unemployed man, aged 27, from Berkshire was expected to appear today at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court, in Westminster, charged with assault, attempted burglary and possession of implements for burglary.

MPs urge pay threat to teachers

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Conservative MPs are urging the Government to withhold the teachers' 16.4 per cent pay rise if they vote next week to renew their campaign of disruption in schools in England and Wales.

The action is being planned by the two biggest unions, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

They are sending out ballot papers and advising members to agree to a campaign of strikes and non-cooperation in protest against the Government's plan to impose a settlement to the two-year-old pay dispute.

Teachers are due the first half of their pay rise, backdated to January 1, as soon as the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill receives the Royal Assent early next month.

Payment of the second half, on October 1, is conditional on the teachers honouring the new contract which is part of the package.

Mr James Pawsey, chairman of the Conservative backbench education committee, said that if teachers voted to renew disruptive action they should not be paid the first 8.2 per cent. He said: "The package is a whole."

British efficiency beats rest

By David Smith

Britain has the best record for productivity growth among the larger economies, new Treasury comparisons show. The figures point to a sea change in British economic performance in recent years.

"One of the most striking economic developments of the 1980s has been the big improvement in the productivity of British manufacturing industry," the Treasury says in its *Economic Progress Report*.

The figures show that output per head in British manufacturing grew by an average of 3.5 per cent a year between 1979 and the middle of last year.

This compared with growth rates of 2.3 per cent in the United States and West Germany, 2.7 per cent in Japan, 2.5 per cent in France, 2.4 per cent in Italy and 3 per cent in Canada.

The picture has changed radically since the 1960s and 1970s, when Britain was lodged firmly at the bottom of the productivity league. Between 1973 and 1979, output per head in British manufacturing grew by just 0.7 per cent a year, compared with rates of between 3 and 4 per cent for the United States, Japan, West Germany and France.

'No deals' on hostages

The Prime Minister yesterday strongly restated her "no deals" policy on Middle East terrorism and hostage taking (Our Diplomatic Correspondent, Andrew McEwen, writes).

After a meeting in London with Signor Bettino Craxi, Prime Minister of Italy, Mrs Thatcher was asked whether they had found any new ideas. "I don't believe there are any new theories. The old one is best: to stand firm, and you do not bargain," she said.

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Fears linger as airport strike ends

By Ian Smith

Suntanned holidaymakers from Palma arrived at Manchester Airport late last night to signal the end of the costliest dispute in the airport's history.

Almost £500,000 in profit has been lost during the 14-day strike by 52 firemen and managers are deeply worried that airlines due to establish operational bases at Ringway this summer will now switch to more reliable terminals.

The deadlock ended in the early hours of yesterday morning when Mr Gil Thompson, the airport's chief executive, negotiated a peace formula which was agreed by the firemen during a four hour meeting.

They agreed to resume normal work at 8pm last night and to accept a management demand that an independent arbitrator be brought in whose decision on salary reviews would be binding on both sides. The management also agreed to promote four firemen.

Fears about the long-term future of the airport, the third largest in Britain, still remain. During the dispute more than 2,000 flights had to be rerouted to other airports and Ringway's management grew increasingly concerned that their plans to build a second terminal and a rail link to the city centre were in jeopardy.

Reporters attacked as Moscow Jews protest

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The limits of the recent softening in the Kremlin's stand on human rights were rudely exposed yesterday when Western television crews trying to film a street protest against the continuing imprisonment of the prominent Jewish dissident, Mr Iosif Begun, were set upon by a group of tough-looking young men who damaged their equipment.

The incident followed the announcement that 140 political prisoners in the Soviet Gulag had been pardoned and the cases of 140 others were under review. Mr Begun, the best known Jewish refusenik still behind bars, was refused a pardon because he refused to abide by the condition of signing a pledge that he would not continue "anti-state activities".

Yesterday's ugly scenes were in Moscow's historic Arbat, a pedestrian mall near the city centre, where protesters gathered for the third successive day to demonstrate peacefully on Mr Begun's behalf. The action taken against the Western TV crews was reminiscent of similar tactics frequently used here in the past by agents of the KGB.

Witnesses said a French television team had its camera and video recording equipment damaged and cables torn out by the unidentified youths. An American television team trying to film the demonstration was also roughed-up.

Mr Begun is one of the main founders of the Hebrew teachers' movement in the Soviet Union and was during the 1970s one of the country's most active Jewish dissidents. He was jailed for seven years in 1983, with a further five years in internal exile for producing and distributing anti-Soviet literature.

Yesterday his wife Inna said that after attending the first protest on his behalf in the Arbat on Monday she had been prevented from taking part in more by a police guard outside her Moscow apartment. She said an unmarked car filled with police in plain clothes had been posted outside her flat since Sunday evening, and was joined by a second on Tuesday.

Mrs Begun claimed that when she tried to leave her flat on Tuesday to join the protest a uniformed policeman posted on the door with two others in plain clothes told her to remain inside. "I asked him why and he said he was concerned for my security," she added.

Mr Begun first applied to emigrate from the Soviet Union in the 1970s and was sent into Siberian exile twice before his latest prison sentence imposed for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda".

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, said yesterday that he did not expect the cases of many more dissidents to come under review after the second 140 now being considered.

Western observers said that estimates of political prisoners in the Soviet Union vary from 1,000 to 4,000.

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INSIDE

US warns allies not to interfere

Western allies have no business telling Washington how to interpret the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, which governs how fast "Star Wars" can be pursued, the head of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency said yesterday.

"I really don't think they have any qualifications for telling us what is the right interpretation of the ABM Treaty," Mr Kenneth Adelman said.

His comments came as Mrs Thatcher and the Italian Prime Minister made a joint call on the US to consult Nato allies on issues connected with the Strategic Defence Initiative.

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New faces

England have made four changes, one positional, in their team to play France in the Rugby Union Five Nations Championship at Twickenham on February 21 Page 35

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UK challenge

Rolls-Royce is to co-operate with Boeing to produce a twin-engined rival to Airbus Industrie's proposed long-range jet, the A340. Page 19

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● There is a further £4,000 to be won today, Portfolio list page 23.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Labour MPs attack Harrods

More than 60 Labour MPs have signed a Commons motion condemning Harrods for the treatment of its 4,000 employees – and last night the London store faced the possibility of industrial action.

The Commons motion accused Harrods management of imposing a wage settlement without agreement, failing to keep promises to improve sick pay and pensions, and attempting to increase working hours and cut overtime payments.

But the store denied this. It said new working times came into force after employees had been consulted and agreed. It was only then that the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers balloted its 700 members and a majority voted to take industrial action over the opening hours, the store said.

£1m drug swoop

Six men were arrested after police and customs officers swooped on an international drugs ring in Leicester and seized seven kilos of heroin worth £1 million.

Homes and businesses were searched on Tuesday night in raids codenamed "Operation Hat" that came after weeks of intelligence work. One of the six men was later released, but more arrests are expected.

Police said they believed it was a significant seizure and had broken up a major international drug-smuggling operation.

Pay deal for dons

The national executive of the main university lecturers' union has voted "reluctantly" to recommend acceptance of a 24 per cent pay increase spread over three years.

A special council meeting of the Association of University Teachers will now convene on February 21 to make a final decision on the offer.

A "yes" vote is expected, but the association said last night that it was by no means a foregone conclusion and if the offer was rejected, industrial action would have to be discussed.

Military manoeuvres

The Ministry of Defence is considering privatizing the academic teaching facility at Sandhurst, the Royal Military Academy, in a continuing exercise to cut costs (Our Whitehall Correspondent writes).

There are 40 academics who teach war studies, international affairs and communications and, although the privatization scheme is at an early stage, it is possible that bids for competitive tender could be put out in about two years.

Working peerage



Mr John Mortimer, the barrister playwright, is expected to be included in a list of new working peers to be announced by the Prime Minister tonight.

Mr Mortimer is likely to be one of five new Labour peers, who will be balanced by six new Conservative peers.

Mr Jim Mortimer, former Labour Party general secretary (right), Mr David Basnett, former TUC chairman, and Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, the industrial relations law expert, are also expected to be included.

Damages for doctors

Mr Patrick Steptoe and Professor Robert Edwards, the pioneers in the development of test-tube babies, won undisclosed damages and a public apology in the High Court yesterday over a newspaper's suggestion that they had selfishly kept the breakthrough to themselves.

An article in *Today* under the headline "Jealousy and rivalry rumbled beneath the glamorous world of babymakers", reported that after the birth of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, the two men had been slow in publishing their research.

The allegation, which had already been the subject of successful libel proceedings against the BBC, was entirely untrue, the court was told.

Huge tax frauds funding Ulster killers

By Richard Ford

Millions of pounds of public money have been used to finance terrorist activities in Northern Ireland as a result of widespread building site frauds, a judge said yesterday.

"Loyalist" and republican gangs have divided up the province's building sites and extensive tax swindles have provided the terrorists with their most important source of revenue during the past decade, Mr Justice Nicholson told Belfast Crown Court.

He said that most of the housing estates that had been built in Belfast and other parts of the North in recent years had been erected under the control of paramilitary organizations.

By carving up areas to operate the frauds, terrorist groups such as the Provisional IRA, Irish National Liberation Army, Ulster Volunteer Force and Ulster Defence Association have avoided conflict with each other and arranged for their own sympathizers and members to work on particular sites.

The judge criticized government agencies which he said must have known about the fraud, when he jailed two men who had helped to provide the INLA with £200,000.

He accused the Northern Ireland Housing Executive of "turning a blind eye

The frauds centre on the use of tax exemption certificates and vouchers which were introduced by the Inland Revenue in 1977. Main contractors paid 100 per cent for work carried out, but instead of handing over the 30 per cent due in tax, almost all of this had been going to terrorist groups which controlled workers on the building site.

Mr Justice Nicholson said: "The scheme has enabled terrorist organizations to buy guns in order to kill and to buy explosives in order to destroy large parts of Northern Ireland.

Earlier he had jailed Francis Duffy, aged 33, and Bernard McKeaveney, aged 34, both from Belfast, for two years each after they admitted conspiracy to cheat the Inland Revenue, false accounting and handling stolen goods. John McKiernan, aged 41, formerly of Belfast but now living in Southampton, admitted handling stolen goods and was fined £1,000.

Duffy and McKeaveney had set up a building firm and while working in west Belfast, had been approached by the INLA and told their tax exemption certificates were to be used for the terrorist group. The pair got a cut of between £500-£700, but INLA received £200,000.

Last night the Northern Ireland Housing Executive said it had taken an early lead in getting attention focused on racketeering on building sites.

£4m bribery racket at British Coal 'lasted years'

By Craig Seton

Corruption on a "massive scale", involving British Coal officials who were bribed to give special treatment over contracts and payments worth more than £4 million, went unchecked for years in one of Britain's biggest coalfields, Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

At the centre of the racket was a businessman known as "the bank manager" because of his willingness to offer thousands of pounds in bribes to British Coal inspectors to get preferential treatment, Mr Scott Baker, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Eight men have admitted charges involving either corruption or deception or both. Mr Baker said that the corruption and dishonesty were over claims for compensation payments for subsidence to property in the North Nottinghamshire coalfield caused by underground mine workings, and contracts given to companies to repair fissures caused by mining.

Although work was claimed for and money was paid by British Coal, it was either not done or the claim was grossly inflated.

The racket was uncovered by a special audit investigation after questions about the massive rise in subsidence claims. There were 2,000 claims in 1979-80, which rose to 7,000 by 1983-84 and cost British Coal £113 million.

Three senior British Coal subsidence inspectors in the coalfield have admitted corruptly receiving bribes totalling more than £54,000 from "the bank manager", and other corrupt payments from businessmen who wanted preferential treatment.

They are: Ronald Davenport, aged 54, of Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, head of British Coal's North Nottinghamshire subsidence claims section, who received bribes and payments in kind totalling over £35,000. The court was told that he had £76,000 in building societies, and was said to have been taking payments since 1973.

David Owen, aged 38, of Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire, received bribes totalling £25,000, including a £5,000 swimming pool.

Alan Parker, of Norwell, Nottinghamshire, received nearly £10,000, including a trailer tent.

Five others have admitted charges. John Harris, aged 37, a British Coal inspector from Inkersall, Derbyshire, admitted receiving £1,000 in corrupt payment.

Timothy Fretwell, aged 34, a property developer of Newstead Abbey, near Mansfield, admitted two charges of making corrupt payments and two of deception. He was said to have claimed £935,000 in subsidence payments.

Philip Fletcher, aged 35, a director of Ollerton, Notts, admitted corruption.

Frank Fletcher, aged 65, retired, of Mansfield, and Gerald Hirst, aged 47, a company director, of Rufford, both Nottinghamshire, both admitted making corrupt payments to Davenport.

Judge Hopkin ordered that the man known as "the bank manager" should not be identified because of forthcoming proceedings.

Mr Baker said that between January 1980 and June 1985 "the bank manager" had 192 contracts worth over £2 million to repair fissures. He also had 232 contracts worth £800,000 to repair damaged properties, and between 1974 and 1985 made 167 claims worth £450,000 for subsidence damage to properties

Over the period he had received more than £3.3 million from British Coal.

Mr Baker said that a normal claim for subsidence usually took a year, but in this case some claims were dealt with in as little as 18 days.

The case continues today.

Ministers soft pedal on farm rumpus

By Robin Oakley and John Young

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday said he would not be disciplining any of his junior ministers after the near-public rumpus over the leaking of plans to take agricultural land out of production and to relax planning restrictions.

During the rumpus, which forced Mr Jopling to make a rushed statement in the Commons about the Government's intentions, one minister was quoted anonymously as saying that leaks by the agriculture team had damaged the Government's record on environmental questions and that Mr Jopling had "put his great size 12 gumboots all over our policy".

Yesterday Mr Ridley claimed that the whole thing had been invented by the press. "I don't know where these gumboots came from. They certainly haven't come from my department or from any of my ministers.

The word from Downing Street meanwhile was that any necessary disciplining of quarrelsome junior ministers would be a matter for their departmental heads

In a belated show of ministerial solidarity, after the vote of censure on Mr Jopling by the National Farmers' Union, Mr Ridley said: "It is odd that after a policy has been put forward which is of some considerable help and benefit to the rural community the NFU should behave in such a selfish way."

But the rift between the Government and the National Farmers' Union deepened yesterday when Mr Simon Gourlay, the union's president, sent an open letter to the Prime Minister rejecting her accusation that it was taking "a very short term view" of agricultural policy.

Early reports that the NFU's annual meeting had demanded the resignation of Mr Jopling were "misleading", he said.

But farmers were certainly concerned about prospects in the short term, substantially influenced by high interest rates and the gap between the "green pound" and the sterling exchange rate, which imposed a crippling disadvantage on United Kingdom agriculture, he said.

Mr Brynmor John and Mr Robert Maclennan, agriculture spokesmen for the Labour Party and the Alliance respectively, both criticized Mr Jopling's claim that the proposals he outlined on Monday represented a radical change in policies for the countryside.

Mr Maclennan said that the £25 million of "recycled" spending on grants for tree planting, the designation of further environmentally sensitive areas where intensive farming would be discouraged, and the stimulation of new farm enterprises seemed to fall far short of what was needed.

● The Council for the Protection of Rural England yesterday called on the Government to withdraw its plans for boosting the rural economy and easing restrictions over the use of agricultural land (Our Property Correspondent writes).

In a letter to Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Mr Robin Grove-White, director of the CPRE, said they and other bodies strongly opposed the proposals "in their crude and potentially very damaging form".



The Duke of York at the House of Lords yesterday for his inauguration as a member.

Grand Duke plays to a full House

By Robin Young

The Duke of York transformed the House of Lords yesterday. In place of the ample acreage of empty benches that attend the average day's business, the place was full with the exception of the front benches, where there would usually be at least a token presence.

Those had been cleared and the backbenches filled with the first 450 peers to bag places for the Duke's inauguration as a member of the House. It is likely to have cost, by quick estimation, not less than £10,000 in attendance allowances.

The event, of course, attracted live television coverage, and there is nothing that revives the Upper House more effectively than that.

Prompt at 2.30pm the procession entered, the Garter King of Arms bearing the Duke's letters patent, the Lord Great Chamberlain, and the Duke of Kent leading his cousin through the great brass doors of the chamber, accompanied by his other sponsor and second royal cousin, the Duke of Gloucester.

They perambulated the chamber, free of the threat of being tripped by front-benchers' feet. The tour is, theoretically, performed so that his fellow peers should get to see the newcomer clearly and be able to recognize him in the future.

Dukes wear rather complicated and heavy looking red robes decorated with four broad bands of ermine. And they hand in their letters of summons standing upright. The Duke of York, looking serious, jaw-jutting, was very upright indeed.

While the clerk read through the flowing tautologies of the letters patent, "advancing creating and preferring" the Duke to three different "states, degrees, styles, titles, dignities and honours" (Baron Killyleagh, Earl of Inverness and Duke of York), the Duke read over his shoulder, frowning slightly. When he raised the new testament to take the oath he gave it a confident half-toss upwards. Plainly he was far from overawed by the ceremonial.

A rumbling "Hear, hear" of congratulation and it was off to the disrobing room well within the 15 minutes allotted for the ceremony.

Prince ends round of secret policy talks

By Our Whitehall Correspondent

The Prince of Wales has completed a series of secret briefings by Cabinet Ministers and Whitehall officials on Government policy issues, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

When Prince Charles left the Royal Navy in December 1976, it was decided that he should try to visit all the departments to familiarize himself with the workings of government.

On Tuesday he paid a second visit to the Home Office and was briefed by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and senior Civil Servants on crime, inner city problems, race relations and other key issues. The meeting, which was intended to be kept secret, had been arranged several months ago.

The Prince regularly reads government papers and documents sent to Buckingham Palace. He has voiced personal anxiety about inner city decay in a number of speeches, some of which have led to political controversy.

At the meeting on Tuesday, he was also briefed by Mr David Waddington, the minister responsible for immigration.

Home Office sources said the visit was at the Palace's initiative; the Prince wanted to learn more about the Government's approach to rising crime and problems in inner city areas.

Mr Hurd spelled out the strategy on combating crime and the officials provided the Prince with the latest statistics. It was the first time the Prince had been briefed by Mr Hurd since he became Home Secretary.

The Prince of Wales is not the first future king to take a close personal interest, with government encouragement, in social problems, and there has never been any constitutional reason why they should not do so.

In 1884, Mr Gladstone nominated the then Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, as a member of a royal commission on housing. He also sat on a royal commission that examined pensions.

George VI, as Duke of York, was deeply involved in industrial problems and in the plight of young people living in slum conditions. He was president of what later became the Industrial Welfare Society and set up the Duke of York's Camp.

Zircon writs came too late

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

The private bid to serve writs against the journalist Mr Duncan Campbell and others involved in showing the banned BBC film about the Zircon spy satellite continued yesterday although the first attempt failed.

Mr Norris McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association, applied yesterday to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, to vary the injunction so that the writs could be served to stop the film being shown again.

The writs issued by the High Court alleging breach of the Official Secrets Act on Tuesday came too late to prevent the showing of the BBC film at Conway Hall in central London.

Mr McWhirter said he was determined to push ahead with his private campaign. However, if he succeeds in his latest legal ploy, he will be unable to prevent further showings of the film later this week unless he can name the people involved in organizing the screenings.

As the private legal moves continued, the police investigation into the Zircon leak appeared to be no nearer finding the officials responsible for giving information about the satellite project to Mr Campbell.

It is now thought unlikely that a senior official in any of the relevant departments will be named as the mole.

The police are still sifting through all the paperwork and computer files belonging to Mr Campbell to try and find a lead.

But as yet there is no evidence that anyone at GCHQ, the Government's intelligence-gathering centre in Cheltenham, the Ministry of Defence or the Foreign Office, played any part in passing on secret information to the journalist.

Mr McWhirter's Freedom Association has a membership of about 7,000 and an annual budget of between £80,000 and £100,000, and has seen itself at the forefront of the drive to campaign for personal liberties since its foundation in December 1975.

Set up by Mr McWhirter, then best-known for his editorship of the Guinness Book of Records and Viscount De L'Isle, its president and a former Governor-General of Australia, it has tended to back right-wing causes, although it strenuously denies accusations that this is its driving force.

Dozen in line for BBC post

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

BBC governors meet at Broadcasting House today to select candidates to be interviewed for the post of director-general from a list of slightly more than a dozen names.

The list has been compiled from more than 300 applications received by Tuesday.

The interviews are expected to be held next week, in a procedure to be decided by the governors today. It is likely to include the creation of a sub-committee of governors to conduct the interviews.

The governors intend to make their final choice on February 26, at their regular scheduled meeting. The identity of the new director-general will be announced immediately after the meeting.

The Governors may ask to interview one or more people who have not formally applied. They are said to be in agreement that the functions of the director-general will not be split between editorial and administrative, and that whoever fills the post will have the full traditional authority of the corporation's chief executive.

The governors are said to be focusing their search on a candidate with a wide range of skills, rather than strengths concentrated in a single area.

The bookmakers William Hill yesterday quoted Mr Brian Wenham, Managing Director of BBC Radio, as 6-4 favourite, with Mr Jeremy Isaacs, chief executive of Channel 4, at 2-1.

Mrs Mary Whitehouse has written to Mr Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman, protesting over the possibility that the governors may choose Mr Isaacs.

Jeremy Corbyn MP

In an agency report, "MP was duped" (January 31) we said that Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, was approached in the House of Commons by a confidence trickster posing as an IRA bomber and that he gave him £45.

We have been asked to make it clear that it was not Mr Corbyn, but a member of his staff in his constituency office, who paid the confidence trickster the money. When Mr Corbyn found out about the incident he immediately notified the police. We apologize for this error.

A princely trial of architects

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

"London thou art the flower of cities all," William Dunbar said – but not any more, according to The Londoners' Society.

It is organizing a public debate at the Royal Academy in May which will be attended by the Prince of Wales. Architects will be asked to defend themselves as designers and protectors of the environment.

The Prince has agreed to open the debate on the motion: "This house believes that architecture is too important to be left to architects."

Lady Wynne-Jones, chairman of the Londoners' Society, hopes that many leading architects will take part.

The Londoners' Society is campaigning for architecture on a human scale, "vigorous" public participation in choosing designs and to create and preserve an historic centre in London. An annual award will be given for the best modern building in the capital.

It plans to start the Ugly Buildings Removal Fund for the most hated buildings in London, and competitions, awards and scholarships to promote architectural Renaissance – a subject close to the Prince's heart.

"We believe that there is a growing concern among Londoners about the style of some contemporary architecture," Lady Wynne-Jones said

"Architecture is a very public trade – it seldom rises to great art. We are not against modern architecture because it is modern, only when it is overbearing and ill-placed."

Three years ago the Prince entered the architectural debate, when he described the proposed extension to the National Gallery as a "monstrous carbuncle" and a proposed office block for the City as "a giant glass stump".

Greenwich by-election

Parties try to ignore survey

By Our Political Editor

Labour and Conservatives yesterday attempted to shrug off the BBC *Newsnight* survey which had shown Labour's vote falling and the Alliance moving into a clear second place in the Greenwich by-election.

But a second survey published yesterday, based on a larger sample of local residents, confirmed both trends.

Mr John Antcliffe, the Conservative candidate, whose campaign could flounder if Conservative supporters accept that the SDP's Mrs Rosie Barnes is the best hope of beating Labour and switch their votes tactically, said that the *Newsnight* poll's findings could have resulted from fewer than 15 people changing their minds

He predicted a close result with no more than 200 votes between him and Labour's Mrs Deirdre Wood.

For Labour, Mr Frank Dobson, the candidate's "minder" and chairman of the London group of Labour MPs, said they believed that "quite a lot" of Tory support would stay solid and that the setback in the Labour vote was only to be expected after the left-wing Mrs Wood had been "slagged off abominably" by the newspapers.

At a Labour Party meeting at Westminster yesterday Mr Joe Ashton, the MP for Bassetlaw, criticized the *Newsnight* poll, saying that it had been conducted by inexperienced students, and suggested that the party leadership should complain to the BBC.

The further survey on the Greenwich contest was produced yesterday by a team of politics students from Drew University in the USA.

It measured party support at 44.5 per cent for Labour, SDP/Liberal Alliance 28.6 per cent, Conservatives 25.4 per cent, others 1.5 per cent, excluding 7 per cent of refusals and reassigning the 10 per cent Don't Knows to their stated party preference.

The Drew team also questioned respondents on whether they would consider switching their vote tactically if their original first choice did not seem able to win.

Of the 20 per cent who said they might vote tactically, 86.9 per cent of Conservatives and 96.6 per cent of Labour supporters would consider the Alliance as a second choice while the Alliance supporters' second choices were 27 per cent Conservative and 67.7 per cent Labour.

Interestingly, in view of the controversy stoked up by her opponents about Mrs Wood's allegedly Hard Left opinions, the Drew survey measured the personality of the candidates as a negligible factor in most people's voting choice.

At the Conservative meeting, Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, criticized Mrs Wood for being prepared as a member of the GLC "to court illegality" by voting against a legal rate and supporting the GLC's decision to invite Sinn Fein to London.

At the SDP press conference the party leader, Dr David Owen, launched an attack, clearly designed to appeal to wavering Tory voters, on the Conservative record on law and order.

General election result: N.G. Barnett (Lab) 13,361; A. Rolfe (C) 12,150; T. Ford (SDP Alli 8,783; I. Dell (BNP) 299; R. Malone (Fellowship) 242; Mr F. Hook (Comm) 149. Lab maj 1,211 (3.6%)

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Social worker 'refused to help police'

By Staff Reporter

A social worker refused to sit in on a police interview with a youth suspected of murdering PC Keith Blakelock because of Haringey council's policy of non-cooperation, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Det Const Perry Cockram said that at the request of detectives, the council worker had already attended one four-hour interview with the youth to ensure it was conducted fairly.

By the time police spoke to the social worker again, to participate in further questioning of the youth, he had been instructed by the council not to assist them further.

"I was informed by him that there was a policy of non-cooperation by Haringey social services with the police," Det Con Cockram said.

He told the jury the only basis on which the social worker would attend was if he was allowed to instruct the youth to say nothing further to avoid getting himself into more trouble. That was rejected by the police.

The youth, now aged 15, is one of six people accused of murdering PC Blakelock, aged 40, on the Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham, north London, during disturbances on October 6, 1985.

Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, of Martlesham, Broadwater Farm estate; Mark Braithwaite, aged 20, unemployed, of Canonbury Villas, Islington; Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Finsbury House, Partridge Way, Wood Green, and three juveniles, two aged 15 and one aged 16, who cannot be named, deny the charge. They also deny riotous assembly and affray on the same date.

The youth aged 16 also denies making petrol bombs and throwing one at a police officer. Mr Raghip denies providing bottles for petrol bombs.

Det Con Cockram said the youth had confessed to being present at the attack on PC Blakelock. He said the youth had broken down during the interviews and described cutting the officer twice with a Samurai sword on the orders of the mob leader, who has been referred to as "N" in court.

In answer to Mr Bruce Laughland, QC, counsel for the youth, the officer agreed the youth had been denied a solicitor, but rejected an allegation that he was held "incommunicado".

The trial continues today.

Humorous exchanges in court enliven case right to the end

Cynthia Payne is cleared by jury

By Philip Jacobson

Cynthia Payne's thirteenth day in court began with a frolic for the press and ended with a slightly prim smile as she was acquitted of nine charges of controlling prostitutes for gain.

The celebrated partygiver of 32 Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, south-west London, had looked more than a little nervous when the jury of eight men and four women filed back after deliberating for just over five hours.

Perfectly coiffed, as ever, wearing her best black twin set with a string of pearls ("real ones dear"), she sat impassively while one not guilty verdict followed another from the blue-sweatered foreman.

By the time Judge Pryor QC had agreed to award her costs, Mrs Payne — alias Madame Cyn — was looking as chirpy as she had before yesterday's hearings began, when she greeted photographers and the TV cameras outside the Inner London Crown Court with a Laughing Policeman toy.

In keeping with the flavour of a trial that has considerably brightened recent short, dark days, Mrs Payne worked the string that made it guffaw and nod its helmet.

"I'm thinking of calling him Mr White," she announced innocently, confident we knew that was the name of one of the senior officers closely involved in her trial.

Not for the first time by any means in this steamy trial, scruffy, court number six was bursting at the seams before the hearing got under way.

The regular press corps, bolstered by TV teams from the BBC, ITN, Australia and the US, was threatening to infringe on to the probation officers' bench.

Regular spectators who have sat, often stolidly, through countless thousands of words of explicit evidence about the sexual high-jinks that took place at Mrs Payne's immensely popular gatherings were there with their bulging carrier bags.

One also observed the immaculately suited Inspector Colin White (who sportingly conceded that Mrs Payne's antics with the doll had been quite amusing) and other members of the police team that had converged, some in the guise of "punters", upon Ambleside Avenue

When the diminutive Mrs Payne had settled, barely visible, behind the dock, the judge sent the jury on their way with another courteous reminder that for all its entertainment value, it was a criminal case that they were going to be considering.

In this, as in everything that had gone before, Judge Pryor displayed a brisk and precise handling of proceedings.

His wit, too, has often enlivened the business at hand. When Mrs Payne's youthful counsel, Mr David Spens, once got rather carried away in comparing his client's innocent invitations to her parties with his inviting a few friends over to play polo on the pitch behind his house, the judge observed gently: "In this instance, perhaps a better analogy might be getting together for a game of darts at the local".

After a false alarm when the jury returned for some guidance about the admissability of certain entries in Mrs Payne's diary, provoking a stampede to the press seats which the bench watched with undisguised amusement, the verdicts in a trial estimated to have cost the thick end of £100,000 were over and done with in barely a minute.

Peering over his half-moon spectacles, the judge commended the jury handsomely for their "application and seriousness", praised defence and prosecution counsel for their performances in court, and departed, perhaps content in the knowledge that his first case today concerning the alleged theft of a Ford Cortina, is unlikely to make the headlines.

It only remained for the senior policemen involved in the prosecution to accept the outcome with philosophical disappointment ("it was always going to be hard to get a result" one observed) and for Mrs Payne to be hustled from the premises by two burly representatives of *The Star* newspaper; it has bought the rights to her story for an estimated £15,000.

Surrounded by a jostling, shouting mob of rival journalists, she looked more worried than at any stage during the case.

But as she liked to remind reporters in court, we will soon be able to see the film of the book of the true story of Madame Cyn.



Mrs Payne heading for court with an overnight bag, and then all smiles with supporters when it proved unnecessary (Photographs: Chris Harris).

Ambleside Avenue sex parties get green light

By David Cross

Before her jail sentence in 1980 for keeping a disorderly house and controlling prostitutes, Mrs Cynthia Payne announced to the world that she was quitting the business.

When she stepped out of Holloway prison after her sentence was reduced on appeal to six months, she appeared as good as her word, joining the lecture circuit alongside such other British institutions as Dame Vera Lynn and Dame Anna Neagle.

But it was not long before she was conceding that respectability and retirement behind the lace curtains were not her cup of tea.

"It's all very tempting," she said wistfully of her life as Britain's best-known purveyor of suburban sex. "But I'd be mad to start again in England. I'm a marked woman. If they ever caught me again, they'd lock me up and throw away the key."

But yesterday, when she was cleared of nine charges of controlling prostitutes, her worst fears proved to be unfounded. She will now be able to return to 32 Ambleside Avenue and presumably resume her party-throwing activities safe in the knowledge that she is not breaking the law of the land.

During her trial, Mrs Payne made no secret of the sexual romps which went on in her home. When vice squad officers raided one of her parties last May, after infiltration by two undercover agents, they discovered scantily clad women in revealing, and in some cases non-existant, underwear, and middle-aged businessmen caught literally with their trousers down.

Admission was alleged by the prosecution to have been £30, plus extras for the services of one of the young ladies, and there were queues on the stairway as clients waited for a spare bedroom. To cope with the overcrowding indoors, there was even a divan in the back garden, discreetly hidden behind shrubbery for al fresco frolics.

The entrance fee was said to have paid for drink, a floor show, X-rated films and, incongraously, eggs on toast in the kitchen. While the delights said to have been provided by the girls, chores were carried out by so-called slaves.

During the trial, her defence counsel described Mrs Payne as a glorified social worker helping clients overcome sexual frustrations.

Complaints from neighbours about goings-on in Ambleside Avenue were mounting and could no longer be ignored.

Supt Iain Davidson, head of Scotland Yard's Obscene Publications and Morals branch, said: "The public and some police were asking when was something going to be done about it. We had to act."

They did, under the codename Operation Perch, in February 1985. The problem was, however, finding a way behind the lace curtains to find out what was really going on.

Attendance at parties was by invitation only and Mrs Payne was very particular about her guests. The solution was to plant PC Stuart Taylor, an undercover agent posing as Peter Torrington, a fictional former client who claimed he had spent the past five years in Egypt.

The police went to considerable lengths to convince Mrs Payne of his bona fides, flying in Egyptian airmail paper and sending it back for posting. The reply took four months to arrive.

Meanwhile, PC Jack Jones, a second undercover agent, was transformed into Harry Jones, a bi-sexual hotelier from Wales.

The disguises of both officers were extremely elaborate. Taylor wore a spectacular "Egyptian" suntan, and had his hair and beard professionally dyed. Jones put on rouge, lipstick, eye shadow and medallions.

Three of Mrs Payne's parties were infiltrated, then the vice squad swooped, racing through the house and bursting into bedrooms as partygoers struggled to adjust their dress.

Teenagers satisfied with sex education

By Mark Dowd
Education Reporter

Teenagers are well informed about contraception, pregnancy and venereal disease, according to the most comprehensive survey of sex education for more than 10 years.

It also shows that they are more likely than ever to have seen pornographic video films.

Today's youth express considerable satisfaction with sex education in comparison with the previous generation. Eight out of 10 teenagers said their lessons in school had been helpful in learning about sex, whereas parents had a low opinion of their own instruction.

A team commissioned by the Policy Studies Institute interviewed 209 teenagers and 212 parents in three English cities and compared their finding with a nationwide survey carried out in 1974.

During the 13-year period, the percentage reporting education on homosexuality rose from 26 to 51 per cent and on abortion from 37 to 74 per cent; 98 per cent of children aged 16 said they had had lessons on human reproduction compared with 82 per cent in 1974.

Visual aids are also being employed more to instruct pupils about childbirth: 70 per cent having seen a film on the subject compared with 27 per cent in 1974 — although at least one girl aged 14 said the gory details had put her off being a mother.

Almost half (42 per cent) of the 14-16 year-olds questioned said they had seen a video recording of an explicitly sexual kind.

The author of the report, Mrs Isobel Allen, said yesterday that the figure was probably higher but children were reluctant to admit it.

Education in Sex and Personal Relationships by Isobel Allen. (Policy Studies Institute, 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR. £7.95).

Portfolio Gold Breakfast bonus for winner

It was fortunate for Mr Ronald Ellis, of Cavalier Road, Old Basing, Hampshire, that yesterday was not one of his "disruptive" days or he might not have been checking the Portfolio card which won him a quarter share in the daily dividend of £4,000.

Mr Ellis, aged 51, a Ministry of Defence scientist working at Aldermaston, said, "I have been following Portfolio ever since it started but actually I don't always check because I have a disruptive life - I travel about a bit". This time, though, he looked up the numbers at breakfast time - "it's usually the first thing I do when I get my newspaper".

Mr Ellis, who is married with two daughters, is going to find the money particularly useful this year: his elder daughter, Jennifer, is getting married on June 6.

The other three winners are Mrs A. Reynolds, of Gawcott, Buckinghamshire, Mr H. R. Gilbert, of Pelton, Chester-le-Street, and a reader living in Kensington, London. Each of the four receives £1,000.

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Chimney nest led to death

A woman died from carbon monoxide poisoning because her chimney was blocked by a bird's nest, an inquest at Cirencester was told yesterday.

Mrs Renita Moore, aged 25, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, suffocated after falling asleep in front of her gas fire. Workmen later removed three buckets full of nesting materials from the top of the chimney.

Video caught 'rioter'

A Liverpool football supporter accused of manslaughter after the Heysel stadium riots was captured on video film throwing missiles during the charges against Italian supporters, it was alleged in court yesterday.

At first Anthony Hogan, aged 23, of Norwood Way, Liverpool, told police he had not been involved in the rioting which ended in the deaths of 39 people at the Brussels stadium two years ago.

Even when police showed him a video film and photographs identifying him, he still claimed it was a case of mistaken identity. But later he admitted it was him but said he could not remember being in the charge, Det Insp George Durno said at Highbury Magistrates' Court, north London.

He was speaking on the seventh day of extradition proceedings by Belgian authorities against Mr Hogan and 25 other Liverpool fans.

The case continues.

Praise for housing in North

People living in the north of England are more satisfied with their housing than those living in Greater London, who are the most dissatisfied (Christopher Warman writes).

A survey into people's attitudes carried out for the Building Societies Association showed that in the northern region 95 per cent were satisfied, whereas in Greater London the figure was 82 per cent, the lowest. Overall 88 per cent of those questioned were very, or quite, satisfied with their housing, and only 5 per cent were not.

The survey was carried out last year among 2,455 adults by the British Market Research Bureau, which had undertaken a similar exercise in 1975. Then the degree of dissatisfaction was 11 per cent.

The main reason given for dissatisfaction, prompted by the researchers, was that the house needed repairs (55 per cent).

Spontaneous reasons for dissatisfaction were that the council would not, or took too long, to do repairs (21 per cent)

Heart disease prevention

GPs should check on family

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

People with a family history of heart disease should be screened for the illness by their family doctor, heart specialists said yesterday.

In a report on coronary disease prevention, which has the support of Mrs Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, the British Cardiac Society also recommended that hospital departments should routinely test blood cholesterol levels in patients under 50. In older patients it was likely preventive measures would be too late.

The report, by a working party led by Professor Michael Oliver, head of cardiology at Edinburgh University, supports recommendations of the Coma (committee on medical aspects of food policy) report three years ago, which called for reductions in saturated fats and salt and an increase in fibre in the average diet.

It also supports the elimination of cigarette smoking and an increase in regular exercise.

Professor Oliver said that more than half the factors associated with heart disease could be explained by bad lifestyle but the remainder were thought to be related to genetic and familial factors.

Prevention should be primarily targeted at families at high risk, he said. "We believe screening the entire population is both uneconomical (costing an estimated £100 million) and impractical. But we recommend that GPs should test all patients on their list with a family history of coronary heart disease."

Professor Oliver said that they should test siblings, parents and children of patients with heart disease for high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol, both associated with increased risk of heart disease. All patients should have their blood pressure recorded every five years.

The report says that more than 100,000 men and 78,000 women die of heart disease every year, a third of all male deaths and a quarter of female.

It urges the Government to provide more funds for research and calls for an overall programme, with more effective health education, to prevent heart disease.

Report of the British Cardiac Society Working Group on Coronary Disease Prevention (British Cardiac Society, 7 St Andrew's Place, London NW1: £1).

The British Dental Association warned the Government yesterday that people can no longer afford regular dental care.

Dental charges have risen much faster than inflation, and the average patient now pays more than £18 for a course of treatment, the association said.

The association said 92 per cent of professional people retained at least some of their own teeth compared with 56 per cent of unskilled manual workers. While 69 per cent of professionals saw their dentist regularly, only 29 per cent of unskilled manual workers did so.

It said: "If the Government shares our view, it must make services available at a price people can pay."

The association was responding to the consultation document on the future of community health care.

Vicar's lover offers to leave to save his job

A woman whose affair with a Church of England vicar has led to his suspension said yesterday she would give him up rather than see him removed from the ministry

Mrs Elizabeth Stewart, aged 49, met the Rev James Taylor, aged 58, of St Bartholomews at Thornley, Co Durham, while he was breaking her son Eddie's addiction to hard drugs.

Mr Taylor has now been suspended from his post after his wife divorced him

Mrs Stewart said: "I will give him up if it means him getting his job back though I love him very much."

A spokeswoman for the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, has stated that Mr Taylor had been disqualified from performing his ministry "under the relevant measures when a priest is divorced on the grounds of his adultery".

His case has been referred to the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood.

Mr Taylor, who was born in Northern Ireland, moved to Thornley 18 months ago from his previous parish of St John's, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, after he and his former wife, Muriel, split up.

He emphasized he had fallen in love with Mrs Stewart within the past year but this had no bearing on the break up of his marriage which ended in divorce in January. Now he hopes to marry Mrs Stewart.

Already 600 villagers have signed a petition asking for him to be allowed to stay.

Mr Taylor said: "The church has its laws and must act accordingly. I will be deeply saddened if I lose my ministry but if that is the price I have to pay, then I must accept it."

Vangelis shows judge his way of composing

The Greek composer, Vangelis, gave a rare public performance of some of his music at the High Court yesterday. He told Mr Justice Whitford he had never been very happy about performing.

Vangelis, who is contesting a claim that he copied his Oscar-winning theme tune, *Chariots of Fire*, from another musician, Stavros Logarides, showed the judge, how he sets about composing.

He explained that he could neither read nor write music and composed all his tunes on a keyboard. "I just think of a tune and it comes immediately. I don't try hard, it just comes. It's quite boring, actually," he added.

He told the judge that when he was asked to compose the theme music for the film he was given a video cassette which he kept in his studio.

EMI Music Publishing Ltd, who publish Mr Logarides's music, is seeking an injunction banning Vangelis and three publishers from breaching copyright and a court order requiring them to hand over all records and sheet music of *Chariots of Fire* in their possession.

Vangelis, of Queensgate, South Kensington, London, who is being sued under his real name of Evangelos Papathanasiou, and the publisher, Spheric BV, of Amsterdam, Warner Bros Music Inc, of California, and the London-based Warner Bros Music Ltd, all deny infringing copyright.

Vangelis, aged 43, said it was "nonsense" to suggest that the reason he did not go personally to collect his Oscar was that he was ashamed to go because he had copied the tune. The reason was that he felt "uncomfortable" at those sort of occasions.

The hearing continues.

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A comedy about life's third most traumatic event might sound a bit unlikely, but 'The Chain' pulls it off.

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PARLIAMENT

Police are to destroy prints

Photographs and fingerprints have been taken of all those charged with recordable offences in the relation to the Wapping dispute, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

Up to February 10, of the 1,471 people arrested, 857 had been so charged. Photographs and fingerprints of those found not guilty or bound over are destoyed, he said.

Complaints received

Twelve complaints had so far been received about the police action outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, on January 24, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

[On that Saturday night there was a mass demonstration at Wapping to mark the anniversary of the move of *The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun* and the *News of the World* to the new plant.]

CID presence at demo

Four plainclothes police officers were on duty in the vicinity of the News International plant at Wapping on the night of the big demonstration on January 24, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

A question of numbers

Does the fact that Scotland has more MPs a head of the population than England mean that this higher public expenditure resulted in more prosperity north of the border or less? That conundrum was posed by Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C) during question to the Scottish Office. Mr Ian Lang, Under-Secretary of State, merely emphasized in reply that productivity on the Conservative benches was very much greater than elsewhere in the House.

Armed police

Three police forces in England and Wales operate a system of armed response patrol cars, according to a Home Office reply.

BBC search warrant pressure is denied

SCOTLAND

There had been no pressure by the Prime Minister's office, nor by any other Government office, about the search warrant used by the police in their search of BBC offices in Glasgow, Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, said during question time.

Questioning was opened by Mr Alexander Pollock (Moray, C) asking the Solicitor General for Scotland whether he had any plans to review the resources available to the Procurator Fiscal service.

Mr Peter Fraser, replied that the resources of the Crown Office and the Procurator Fiscal service had recently been reviewed. Subject to parliamentary approval, the 1986-87 cash limit for vote 20 would be increased by £180,000 to £15,979,000 and for vote 21 would be increased by £150,000 to £3,256,000.

Mr Pollock: In view of current pressures on the Procurator Fiscal service in Glasgow, was it necessary for the Procurator Fiscal to be involved in a search warrant for the search of BBC offices in Glasgow?

Mr Fraser: It is in accordance with appropriate and accepted practice and procedure in Scotland for the police to make a request to the Procurator Fiscal to make application on their behalf to the Sheriff.

In deciding whether it is proper to present such a petition, the Procurator Fiscal had to be satisfied of the legal justification for the application.

In that regard he would consider the information to be sworn by the police and the known attitude of the BBC to the requirement of the legal process. He sought to ensure that the warrant was sufficient to meet its purpose and did not go beyond what was required.

I hope that Mr Mr Pollock, with his legal experience, will recognize that the course followed there, and the relationship between the police and the Procurator Fiscal was appropriate in the circumstances.

Mr Tam Dalyell: Is Professor Bradbury right or wrong . . .

Conservative MPs: Wrong!

Mr Dalyell: If he is wrong no one has said whether he is wrong in suggesting that the Procurator Fiscal and the Lord Advocate, in the mode and style of the investigation, had to take into account the interests and feelings of the victim.

In this case the major victim was the Foreign Office. When did the Crown Office first approach or talk to the Foreign Office or the Foreign Office first approach or talk to the Crown Office.

Mr Fraser: In no circumstances and at no time did the Crown Office talk to the Foreign Office.

Although I studied under Professor Bradley, I do not consider that his statement of the law, as stated in *The Independent* today, was wholly accurate.

I do not dissent in any way from what he said about the consideration of the public interest, once such a consideration of prosecution is reached. However, I do not agree, and the Lord Advocate would not agree, that it would be his practice to consult any other minister when dealing with applications for search warrants in the course fo criminal investigations.

Sir Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C): In considering the resources in Glasgow, is the Solicitor General still satisfied that the attitude of the BBC at the highest level was such that the police had no alternative but to obtain a search warrant and raid the Glasgow premises?

Can he assure the House that every reasonable poossibility was covered by the police before this drastic action was taken.

Mr Fraser: The BBC was within its legal rights to insist that if there were to be any action taken against them about material held by them, they should have the due legal processes carried through.

As was indicated by Mr Pollock, one factor at the time the application was considered by the Procurator Fiscal was that at senior level the BBC took the view that due legal processes should be followed.

Clearly, if they were to insist on that, it excluded the possibility that without the necessity for a search warrant, such material could be handed over to the investigating authorities.

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L): It is said by some people that the showing of the Zircon film in Edinburgh and Glasgow last week could put those seeing it in breach of the Official Secrets Act.

Are the resources of the Procurator Fiscal sufficient to deal with such a vast number of cases. If the film endangers national security — and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Kinnock) thought that — why did the Government not take out an interim interdict against the showing?

Mr Fraser: The article in the *New Statesman* put it into the public domain. The interdict was limited thereby. I have no responsibility for the view of the Leader of the Opposition, and even less for the disagreement between him and his backbenchers.

Mr William Walker (North Tayside, C): When he looks at the resources of the Procurator Fiscal, is he satisfied that they are sufficient to recruit individuals of the highest calibre so that we have the best people prosecuting and that when we prosecute the BBC and others; we make the charges stick (protests and laughter)?

Mr Fraser: I shall resist the temptation to answer the last point, but I am encouraged that there is some agreement to increase resources.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, asked the Solicitor General to confirm that at no time had there been any consultation about the application for a warrant, its drawing up, or terms of service with any ministers outside the Law Officers.

Mr Fraser: I confirm yet again that in drawing up the warrant and the petition for the warrant, and in considering whether such applications should be made, and in arranging for the execution of the warrant, there was no pressure, and nothing done in relation to any other ministers, least of all, as some MPs seem to think, Number 10 Downing Street, or any other office.

● Conservative MPs protested loudly while **Mr Tam Dalyell** (Linlithgow, Lab) unsuccesfully sought an emergency debate on the role of the law officers and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in relation to the police searches of the BBC.

Mr Dalyell, who apologized to the Speaker for not giving him full notice, said that the matter arose out of earlier questions to the Solicitor General. He was eventually called to the Chair to hand in the title of the debate he sought.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): He always gets away with it. It is a gross abuse.

The Speaker: It is not an abuse. He has got as much right to raise an SO20 (an emergency debate) arising out of questions to which he has just received an answer as you have.



Mr Fraser being pursued by Mr Dalyell over the alleged role of the Foreign Office.

Biffen effort to limit debate

RATES

At the present rate of progress, a further 70 hours of committee time would be required to complete consideration of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said in the Commons when proposing a timetable motion.

The motion would require the committee stage to be completed by February 19 and for the report and third reading stages to be completed within a week thereafter.

The committee, he said, had so far taken 101 hours to complete consideration of only 20 clauses of the Bill, which abolishes rates north of the border and replaces them with a per capita tax. There had been four sittings on clause 1 on the abolition of domestic rates and one sitting on the community charge proposals.

There were a further 14 clauses still to be considered which would cover a further 70 hours. He believed the House would wish to consider the Bill more promptly.

"The motion would enable that to occur and allow the committee to complete its consideration at a measured pace."

The report and third reading stages would allow a further 14 hours of debate.

The Bill was recognized as a significant step in local government, both in Scotland and beyond, which would strengthen local accountability.

"The Bill has received extensive consideration to date and I am confident the committee consideration of the rest of the Bill will be no less effective than it has been so far. This motion will enable that consideration to go forward expeditiously."

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, said that this was the tenth guillotine motion of the present Parliament and no fewer than five had ben directed against local governemnt.

That was evidence of the Governemnt's open hostility to local democracy and of its determination to crib, cavil and confine local authorities by limiting expenditure and revenue and even abolish them altogether.

"This Bill takes another long stride towards the diminution of local democracy and increasing central government control"

There had been no convincing argument for introducing the guillotine at the present stage of a Bill which was a remarkable innovation. It had been described as a radical and fundamental reform. That was an understatement. It was a revolution, or rather a counter-revolution, in local government finance.

It deserved the closest scrutiny, particularly as its proposals to replace domestic rates had been rejected by the Governemnt in 1984.

Mr Robert Maclennan (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP) said that the Bill swept away the principal local source of revenue for local government which had existed in Scotland for more than 200 years.

It was of major constitutional importance and it was arguable that it should first have been considered by an all-party pre-legislative committee which could have taken evidence from those affected and those who would have to administer the new local taxation system.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said that anyone who had been in Parliament, even for only a short time, knew that an Opposition could easily bring about a guillotine.

Now, because the Opposition were so dilatory on the early part of the Bill, important issues coming up later were going to suffer.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Government motion on employment and training initiatives.

Lords (3): Pilotage Bill, report.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Traditionalists dislike tactical voting. They regard it in much the same light as bouncers in cricket: within the law, but against the spirit of the game. A first preference vote is considered morally superior to one cast simply to keep another candidate out.

But they both count the same. Indeed, a well judged tactical vote will often have more effect than one that comes straight from the heart. So how much credence should one give to the conventional wisdom that tactical voting will again play relatively little part in the general election?

The importance of tactical voting in by-elections is beyond dispute these days. With three parties in the race there is a persistent tendency for one of them to be squeezed as the voters come to appreciate that whoever is running third in that constituency has no serious chance.

Second place for Alliance

We may be seeing that phenomenon developing once again in Greenwich. The latest BBC *Newsnight* poll shows the Alliance moving comfortably into second place.

But, it is said, a general election is quite different. There is not the same concentration of publicity on a particular constituency. People vote locally, but they think nationally. So there is less inclination to vote tactically.

Even someone who is so inclined will often not be able to know which candidate to support. With so few individual constituency opinion polls in a general election it will frequently not be clear who is running second.

A new campaign launched at a press conference yesterday, Tactical Voting '87, aims to fill this gap in knowledge. It wants both to encourage more people to vote tactically in particular seats and to give them the information to do so.

But TV '87 should not be mistaken for a disinterested exercise in informing the public. It is a partisan campaign directed not so much in favour of any individual party — though the Alliance would be the most likely to benefit — as against the Government.

This is a legitimate political operation, though the group will have to be careful not to fall foul of the law on election finance. But they should not use the specious argument, which was deployed yesterday, that Conservatives would have nothing to gain from tactical voting.

There is a significant section of the electorate which wobbles between the Conservatives and the Alliance. In a number of constituencies it would help the Conservatives to win those voters if it could be shown that the Alliance was running third and the real battle was between the Conservatives and Labour.

This does not interest TV '87 because that is not their political purpose. The campaign is based on the belief that Mrs Thatcher is able to remain in power only because the opposition is divided, and that the best way to get her out is to unite the anti-Thatcher majority in critical seats.

This proposition seems to me too simple by half. The effect of having a stronger third force in British politics is to divide not only the opposition to the Government but also the opposition to Labour. It is therefore by no means easy to know what the precise consequences would be of widespread tactical voting in the general election.

I think it will be more widespread than in 1983. The concept has become much more familiar from the by-elections since then. More people will be talking about it.

Easier to vote tactically

It should also be easier to vote tactically because it will be possible to calculate who is likely to be third from the result in each constituency last time, whereas that was often impossible in 1983 because of extensive boundary changes.

There will not be so much tactical voting as in by-elections because individual constituency opinion polls are still likely to be relatively rare. So there will not be the same stimulus nor the same confidence as to where the astute tactical voter should put his cross.

But I expect there to be many more local variations in the coming election, which should caution all of us against interpreting the national opinion polls too blithely.

Tactical voting campaign

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

A 40-strong group united in opposition to Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday launched a campaign to spoil her hopes of winning a third term of office by urging the public to vote tactically at the next election.

The group, known as TV '87, dominated by Alliance and Labour supporters and backed by an initial budget of £35,000 from individual donations, released a list of 100 marginal seats where, it said, electors could combine to oust the sitting Tory MP.

Mr Paul Ekins, a member of the Green Party and an economist, one of the three founder members, said the group was seeking a "one nation government" and a Parliament more representative of the country as a whole.

Speaking at a Westminister press conference, he said: "We feel that the present Government has been unprecedentedly divisive over its years in power and we know we have the most unrepresentative Parliament since the war.

"We will be advising people to vote against Conservative candidates in those marginal constituencies where there is a Conservative candidate who can be unseated with a tactical vote."

Mr Ekins said the group had not agreed preference as to the nature of the administration that should replace Mrs Thatcher's government, although the electoral arithmetic pointed to a Labour/Alliance coalition.

A Labour government would be preferable to the continuation of the present Government, which was bitterly attacked for its "arrogance and ruthless exercise of power" by other members of the platform.

Other speakers included Professor Roderick Floud, an economic historian and Labour Party member, Nina Fishman, a lecturer in industrial relations and Labour Party member, Sir Roy Shaw, former director-general of the Arts Council, who described himself as politically uncommitted, and Mr Gerald Priestland, the writer and broadcaster, who said he would prefer to vote Alliance.

Mr Ekins conceded that the campaign, which plans to distribute leaflets in constituencies during the election campaign, could encounter legal problems in meeting the requirements of the Represenation of the People Act.

Irish election

FitzGerald makes Ulster agreement a major issue

By Richard Ford

The Anglo-Irish agreement is being pushed to the centre of the general election campaign in a last-ditch effort to damage the opposition leader, Mr Charles Haughey, on an issue where he is most distrusted.

It is a measure of how badly the campaign is going for Dr Garret FitzGerald that Fine Gael is raising the matter only three weeks after the prime minister claimed to hope it would not be an election issue. No wonder Mr Haughey, aware that the north could harm his chances, accepted the prime minister's assertion with alacrity and has since hardly mentioned the topic.

But as the one big success of its term in office, Fine Gael is challenging Mr Haughey to clarify his party's position on an agreement which is widely backed in the south. Approval for the deal has little to do with its merits but more with a longing for the problem to remain just where it is — north of the border. The latest opinion poll showed that only 4 per cent regarded the north as an election issue, but Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats have launched vigorous attacks on the Fianna Fail position.

Mr Haughey's party opposed the agreement when it was voted on in the Dail, and since then he has promised to renegotiate it. The party refuses to accept the constitutional implications which it says purport to give sovereignty over part of the country to a British government.

Mr Haughey is opposed to the thrust within the agreement which seeks to devolve government within the province which he believes is a "failed political entity". However in the campaign he has given assurances not to renege on the agreement. The British Government believes Mr Haughey will take close personal interest in the workings of the Anglo-Irish conference and will seek greater results in the short term. But Mr Peter Barry, the joint chairman of the conference, has demanded to know how Fianna Fail could implement an agreement which it has described as unconstitutional. He accused it of "behaving atrociously" and working openly against the national interests during the long negotiations leading to the signing ceremony and said Mr Haughey had denigrated and belittled its achievements in a way that caused serious concern to northern nationalists.

Meanwhile the two main party leaders spent yesterday and will spend today with their closest aides preparing for a live television confrontation tonight.

With a large number of "don't knows" the debate may take on greater significance with Dr FitzGerald attempting to defend his record and force his opponent into scoring an own goal, while Mr Haughey will want to attack the prime minister without giving much detail of his own programme

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Media role in jail riots criticized

PRISONS

The role played by the media during disturbances in Scottish prisons was criticized by a Conservative MP during Commons questions.

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C) urged that the media should be asked to ensure that any future demonstrations were not covered by cameras, newspapers and radio people. The unfortunate effect was to encourage such demonstrations to continue longer.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said that all who were concerned with the public interest would wish to ensure that nothing was done to inflame or aggravate any delicate situation, particularly as individual prison officers might be affected.

Earlier he told **Mr Hugh Brown** (Glasgow, Provan, Lab) that he would give consideration to the inspector's report on the disturbance at Peterhead Prison being published.

The total design capacity of accommodation in Scottish penal establishments was 5,398 places and 395 cells were out of use as a result of the damage in recent incidents.

When phase two of Shotts Prison was brought into use this year, 468 additional places would become available.

Mr Barry Henderson (Fife North East, C) asked how much the Government had spent on capital expenditure in Scottish prisons.

Mr Rifkind said that the figure was £40 million since 1979. The opening of the new phase of Shotts Prison would mean a big improvement.

● The Government's planned experimental scheme — announced in December — to provide drug addicts with free needles to help to check the spread of Aids could not start before April at the earliest because of the need for detailed discussions with the medical profession and others who would be involved in the trials, **Mr Malcolm Rifkind**, Secretary of State for Scotland, said during Commons questions.

Earlier, he had told **Mrs Anna McCurley** (Renfrew West and Inverclyde, C) that the Government had so far allocated £1.4 million to fund measures to control the spread of Aids in Scotland. That was in addition to issuing extensive guidance to doctors, dentists and nurses about the disease.

He declined, however, to take up a suggestion from **Mr Archy Kirkwood** (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L) that diabetics should also benefit from free exchange of needles.

Alliance warned over coalition preferences

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Alliance candidates have been warned not to disclose their preferences during the general election campaign for a deal with Conservative or Labour in the event of a hung Parliament.

In a letter to all 635 Alliance candidates the two leaders, Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel, attempted to stave off a damaging rift in the Alliance during the election campaign if Liberal candidates showed they would rather support Mr Kinnock while SDP candidate might prefer a pact with a minority Conservative government.

In the letter they said: "We shall not allow ourselves, nor should you, to express a preference between working with Labour or Tory MPs.

The two leaders advised candidates to avoid the temptation of setting out a detailed shopping list of demands or sticking points on entering into any coalition with the other parties.

"You will be repeatedly asked whether you want a Labour or Conservative government — Mr Kinnock or Mrs Thatcher as Prime Minister. The answer which we are giving is that we genuinely believe that neither Mr Kinnock nor Mrs Thatcher, nor the parties they lead, can on their own either unite the country or provide good government".

The candidates are urged to go all out to get the maximum number of votes because, even if they do not win the seats, the size of the poll will strengthen the Alliance's hand in making a pact if there is a balanced Parliament.

The two Davids told them to plan for a May/June general election but also to pencil in July 18 for another mass rally if Mrs Thatcher decides to delay the campaign.

They set out what they would do if no party has an overall majority. The new Alliance MPs would meet on the Saturday after the election with the two leaders ready to act together in negotiation, reporting back to the MPs for a final decision on any agreement with another party.

"We recognize that the process of negotiation after the election will be hard.

"We must all make it plain that Liberals and Social Democrats will be indivisible in all stages of the negotiations after the next election."

Councils hit back at 'loony left' label

London's Labour boroughs yesterday launched a counter-attack against sections of the national press which dubbed them the "loony left".

The Association of London Authorities published a pamphlet, *It's the way they tell 'em*, claiming many newspaper reports were "distortion, disinformation and downright lies".

Mrs Margaret Hodge, chairwoman of the association, launching the leaflet, said: "The lies and distortions that emerge in certain sections of the press are not only a vicious attack on local councils, they pave the way for the Government to impose more restrictive legislation."

The leaflet claims that stories such as the one about a left-wing council said to have ordered playgroup children to sing "Baa baa green sheep" to avoid racial discrimination were "sheer invention".

It says another story that Haringey council was banning black bin liner bags as "racially offensive" was "just not true" and a *Daily Mail* article claiming council staff had been banned from asking for "black" coffee was "pure fabrication".

Paper mill welcomed

Forestry's role emphasized

AGRICULTURE

The importance of forestry to Scotland was emphasized during Commons questions by Mr John MacKay, an Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, who said that he wished that view was shared by some Labour MPs.

He said it was important, against the background of surplus agricultural production, that all means of maintaining economic activity in rural life should be examined.

He was answering Mr John M.Taylor (Solihull, C) who had said that it was a virtue to plant woodland in less productive farmland or even to develop golf courses on it. That helped to sustain the rural character of the land and the habitat of wildlife.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said that the initiative by the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Malcolm Rifkind) and the Ministry of Agriculture to help to promote the rural economy was good news. "But if broad-leaf planting is to be increased, as opposed to conifers, there must be an extra incentive. And if Scottish tourism is to be encouraged, we have to be careful about blanket conifer planting throughout scenic areas of Scotland."

Mr McKay said that the policy statement of 1985, introducing a broad-leaf woodland green scheme had been welcomed and the Forestry Commission had said it had got off to a good start.

Mr David Lambie (Cunninghame South, Lab) said that the decision by Caledonian Paper to built a paper mill in his constituency as an inward investment of £250 million and involving up to 1,500 jobs during construction and 900 permanent jobs depended upon adequate supplies of timber from the public and private sector in Scotland. Would the minister encourage the Forestry Commission to extend its activities in the relevant parts of Scotland to ensure continuation of these supplies?

Mr MacKay said that the importance of forestry in job terms was important. The plant at Irvine would require sitka spruce and another species of tree that the plant wanted, and it was because of that that the company was going there.

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) said that while the scheme was generally to be welcomed, was the likely cost of £300,000 a job a useful way of spending public money, especially when more jobs could be created with the same resources.

Mr MacKay said that the proposals would meet many of the wishes of environmental and conservation groups. The committee set up in the Scottish Office to look into the interaction between wildlife and planting in north Scotland would help to find a reasonable solution that would be in the interests of the countryside in that part of Scotland.

Mr John Home Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said it had been suggested that the proposals would be more attractive to people in the marginal areas and result in more afforestation in the Highlands. If it was hoped to curtail surplus agricultural produce and protect the rural environment, why should either the Forestry Commission or the private sector be prepared to increase tree planting on the low ground?

Mr MacKay said one way was through the decisions announced by his department some months ago which took a more realistic view of planting on land farther down hill.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) said that 100 square miles of forestry in his constituency contributed enormously to the local economy as had similar developments in other areas. Did not the welcome given to the proposals by the vice-president of the NFU in Scotland show that the Government was moving along the right lines?

Mr MacKay said the response of the Scottish NFU had been very positive to the statement in its warm welcome of the announcement. Members of the Opposition ought to be eating their words.

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UK steps up its help for Mozambique in bid to cut reliance on Pretoria

From Paul Vallely, Maputo

Britain is to increase its aid to Mozambique by almost 50 per cent as part of a programme to lessen the dependence upon South Africa of its black neighbours, it was announced in Maputo yesterday.

Mr Christopher Patten, the Overseas Development Minister, told reporters at the end of his week-long tour of Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, that Britain is prepared to make a substantial commitment to increase the independence of the black nations "in the geographic, economic and political front line . . . we want to develop a healthier economic balance".

Mr Patten rejected criticism from Mozambican journalists that there was a contradiction between Britain's policy of increased aid and its opposition to sanctions in South Africa. The Government had "condemned unequivocally the iniquitous apartheid system" and had taken "restrictive measures" to encourage South Africa to participate in a dialogue.

But Mr Patten laid greater emphasis on what he described as "positive measures". The most significant of these is a £10 million increase to £35 million in Britain's contribution to the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, which was announced in Botswana. Much of this is to be spent on improving rail communications in Mozambique which give other frontline states access to the sea.

The British Government is also to increase its project aid in Mozambique by a further £5 million. Present expenditure is about £10.5 million, five times the British aid figure of 1982, Mr Patten said.

The number of Mozambican soldiers trained by the British Army in Zimbabwe is also to be doubled to improve security and defend railways against attacks by guerrillas of the South African-backed Mozambican National Resistance, the minister said. There are also to be increases in the number of Mozambican students trained in British universities and a Samora Machel Memorial Scholarship would be instituted at a leading British university.

The increases mark a further improvement between Britain and the Frelimo Government of Mozambique, which is still nominally Marxist. This tie was founded upon Britain's gratitude for the assistance of the late President Machel in securing a peaceful settlement in Zimbabwe. But it was further fostered, Mr Patten said, by the country's attempt at economic reform along guidelines recommended by the International Monetary Fund.

Earlier in the week, Mr Patten announced in Harare a £10 million increase in British aid to Zimbabwe, most of which is allocated for specific projects but £2.5 million of which is to support the country's beleaguered balance of payments. At present Mr Robert Mugabe's Government has up to 12,000 troops in Mozambique, protecting oil pipelines and railways.

Mr Patten also spoke yesterday about the problem of the estimated four million people made homeless in the northern and central provinces by the "scorched earth" policies of the MNR guerrillas. An extra £1.5 million for emergency relief there had been announced earlier in the week, he said. Further funds might be available when more information on the scale of the problem in the north became available.

Mr Patten said that Britain is to raise the matter of EEC food aid to the area at the Community's food aid committee in Europe next week.



Demonstrators protesting against the rule of Ayatollah Khomeini outside the Iranian Consulate in Frankfurt yesterday.

Khomeini reappears to call for victory

Ayatollah Khomeini made his first public speech for more than 12 weeks on the eve of the eighth anniversary of Iran's Islamic revolution and demanded "war until victory" against Iraq (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Television coverage of the speech, broadcast yesterday morning on Iranian television, came after rumours that the Ayatollah was in declining health. The 86-year-old patriarch looked pale and unsteady on his feet and his mouth barely moved as he delivered the speech, but his voice was reported strong and steady.

Among the sea of people shown on the television, monitored in Nicosia, were hundreds of volunteers about to be sent to the front in the war against Iraq.

As mass anniversary demonstrations were held throughout the country yesterday, Iran unleashed a new offensive inside northern Iraq, destroying an Iraqi radar station and killing 500 Iraqi troops, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported, quoting a military communiqué.

In Baghdad, Iraqi military authorities denied there had been an assault. They said there had been only limited clashes in the past three days, and that Iraqi warplanes twice raided selected targets in Tehran and attacked nine other Iranian cities and Iranian military targets to mark the anniversary.

Iran said its forces had launched a new offensive, codenamed Fatah 4, and destroyed important radar facilities at the Kurdish city of Arbil in northern Iraq in a raid in which 500 Iraqis were killed.

Tehran radio quoted a military statement as saying that the radar installations at Arabil, 200 miles north of Baghdad, were used to direct Iraqi jets in their attacks on western Iran.

Spanish students maintain pressure

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Spain's student leaders kept up the pressure yesterday in negotiations with Señor José Maravall, the Education Minister, despite his having taken another step towards their demands.

The Students' National Union organized a demonstration through the centre of Madrid, ending in front of the Education Ministry.

Student leaders, speaking on the second day of the three-day stoppage called at secondary schools in Spain, claim that it has been 90 per cent effective. The Ministry said it had affected half the country.

The dispute, which began in December, has become a battle of wills between Señor Maravall, aged 44, an Oxford-trained sociologist whose educational reform programme was one of the plus points at last June's general election, and the younger generation symbolized by the students' spokesman, Señor Juan Ramos, aged 22, a history undergraduate at Madrid University.

Señor Maravall went into yesterday's talks with a further concession agreeing to reform the present university entrance examination system, but student leaders rejected it as too theoretical and long-term.

Botha's Navy hit by apartheid row

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Navy was accused by the *Cape Times* yesterday of forbidding the training of white recruits by Coloured (mixed-race) instructors.

It is the second time in recent weeks that the Navy has been accused of pandering to racial prejudice, allegedly at the behest of President Botha's Government, under threat from extreme right-wing parties in the white general election on May 6.

Citing "well-placed naval sources", the newspaper reported that seven coloured instructors at the SAS Saldanha naval base, some 70 miles north-west of Cape Town, had been transferred elsewhere after being told by an officer that black instructors could not train white recruits.

The seven men, along with six Indian intructors from the SAS Jalsena base in Durban, had been brought to SAS Saldanha to help train this month's intake of white conscripts, according to the report.

Under South African law, all white males must serve two years in the armed forces, which is followed by another 720 days of mandatory active reserve duty spread over 12 years. Recruits are also drawn from other race groups but, with the exception of Namibia, only on a voluntary basis.

Five of the Indian instructors, who are still helping with the induction and orientation of white recruits, will be reassigned once their charges begin basic training next week, the *Cape Times* said.

Commander Dirk Visser, a navy spokesman, refused to confirm or deny the paper's story and would say only that it was "not naval policy to comment on inter-unit transfers or personnel placements".

The Navy had earlier been in the news over what has been dubbed "the affair of the separated Swans". The Swans — South African Women Attested for Naval Service — is a volunteer unit roughly equivalent to the WRNS, the Women's Royal Naval Service. This year's intake into the Swans included a number of Coloured and Indian women for the first time.

A few days later, however, it was announced, in a statement put out in the name of the Chief of the Navy, Vice-Admiral Glen Syndercombe, that owing to the "youth and vulnerability" of the Coloured and Indian recruits, it had been decided to that they should be trained separately.

Mr Brian Goodall, the defence spokesman of the Liberal Progressive Federal Party (PFP), the official opposition in the white chamber of Parliament, commented: "Either the Navy has been forced to pander to white racial prejudice because of the forthcoming elections, or the Government is reversing its previous policy of trying to create a non-racial Navy".

● Detainee anger: Revelations this week that tear gas had been used to quell disturbances by people being held without trial gave an insight into the anger brewing among detainees. Mr Coetsee, the Minister of Justice, told Parliament that detainees had attacked prison staff.

He said 1,456 detainees had been involved in "so-called hunger strikes" at 17 prisons since the declaration of the nation-wide emergency on June 12 of last year.

UK offers aid to Guatemala

From Alan Tomlinson
Guatemala City

Britain is to resume aid to Guatemala after nearly a quarter of a century of almost no relations between the two countries over the question of Guatemala's claim to Belize.

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the first British minister to visit Guatemala since diplomatic relations were severed in 1981, made the announcement at a meeting of European and Central American foreign ministers in Guatemala.



Lady Young: attempting to heal diplomatic rift.

She took the opportunity of discussing the future of Britain's relations with Guatemala with her host, President Vinicio Cerezo, offering him a small aid programme consisting of technical and university scholarships. Britain recently reopened consular offices here and is expected to appoint an ambassador later this year.

£18m drug seizure in Spain

Lérida (Reuter) — Police seized almost 40 lb of heroin worth some £18 million in this northern Spanish city, the country's largest heroin haul, officials said yesterday.

But the operation, in which nine people were arrested, almost failed after a police inspector chasing two suspects died when his car crashed.

Renault claim

Paris (AFP) — Action Directe, the French extremists, claimed responsibility for the murder in November of M Georges Besse, chairman of Renault.

Knesset ban

Jerusalem — Knesset members will be barred from other than parliamentary work after allegations of MPs using their positions for gain, if a recommendation by a Knesset committee is carried out.

Five executed

Peking (AP) — Five men have been executed for crimes ranging from murder and rape to hijacking a taxi.

Fifth liver

Chicago (AFP) — Megghan LaRocco, an eight-month-old girl, is doing well after four liver transplants in a month, Chicago University said.

Jet crash

Rome (AP) — An Italian Air Force pilot and his assistant died when their plane crashed after taking off from a military airport outside Rome.

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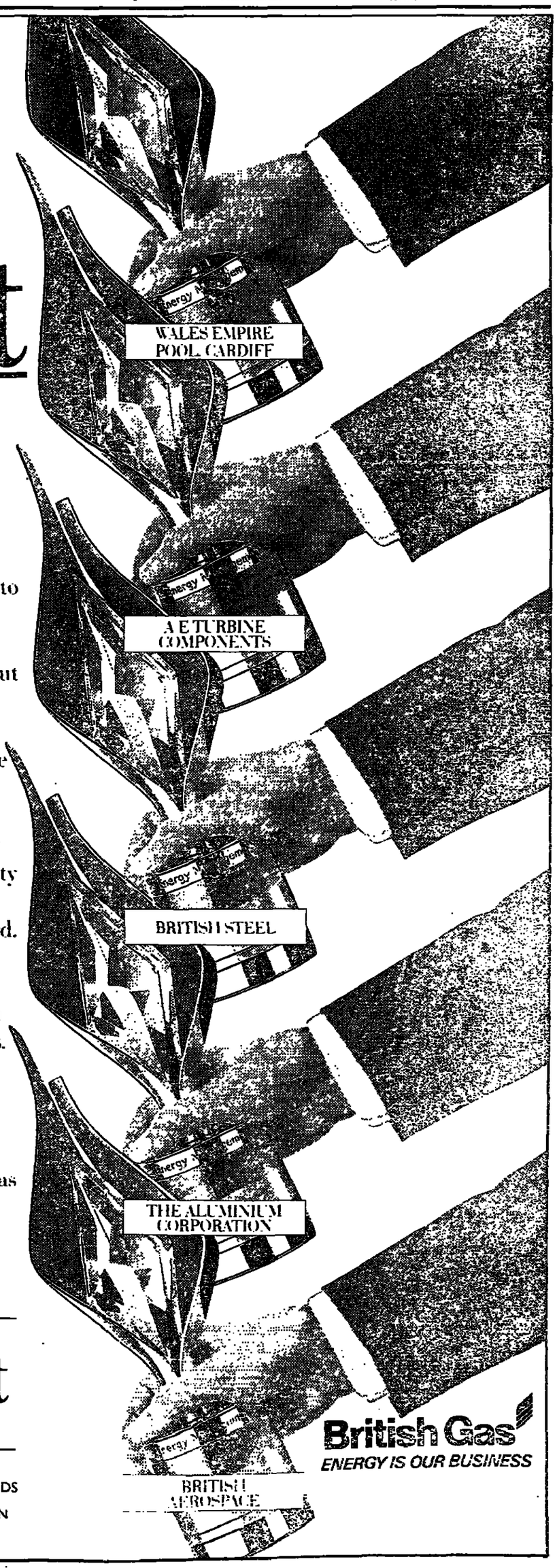
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WORLD SUMMARY

Curfew for Jaffna as Army isolates Tamils

Colombo — A 36-hour curfew was imposed yesterday in three administrative districts of Sri Lanka's Northern Province as troops continued their advance against Tamil separatists (Vijitha Yapa writes). The Government said that six guerrillas and two soldiers were killed in the skirmishes and that the entire area towards the Jaffna Fort, where there is a major military base, was being cleared. Five other people died in rebel action.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet was examining a message from Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, on Indian-sponsored efforts to resolve the conflict. The Indian High Commissioner, Mr Jyotindra Dixit, refused to release details, but reports said that the proposals included lifting Colombo's month-old fuel blockade on Jaffna and suspending military operations in the north and east, where the separatists are active in a conflict which has taken more than 5,000 lives in the past three years.

Gold haul on plane

Delhi (AFP) — Anti-smuggling authorities found gold said to be worth £400,000 in the toilet of a British Airways flight here yesterday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Twenty-eight kilogrammes (62 lbs) of gold arrived in the Indian capital from London via Dubai on board the early morning British Airways flight.

The unidentified smuggler had alighted in Dubai, PTI quoted intelligence men as saying. The entire cabin crew of the airliner, together with two local airport personnel, were detained for questioning.

Athens protest

Athens — About 2,000 angry Greek farmers marched through central Athens yesterday protesting against this year's low farm prices. The demonstration was timed to coincide with the arrival here of M Jacques Delors, the European Commission President, for one-day talks with Greek leaders (Mario Modiano writes).

The protesters, in a resolution delivered to Parliament, urged the Government to veto the European Community's proposed freeze of agricultural prices for this year's crop.

Troops pull back

Islamabad — More than 150,000 Pakistani and Indian troops in combat positions in the Ravi-Chenab corridor on the border, started pulling back yesterday to peacetime locations as a de-escalation of border tension laid down in a Delhi agreement on February 4 went into operation (Hasan Akhtar writes).

There was a sudden escalation of tension last month, with Pakistan reporting more than 200,000 Indian troops on the border. India said the troops were assembled for routine exercises.

Milk powder moved

Bonn — Three trainloads of radioactive milk powder that have caused uproar in West Germany were moved to army depots yesterday after demonstrators delayed two of the trains for 12 hours by blockading railway lines (John England writes).

The 5,000 tonnes of powder, in 242 wagons, was taken over by the Federal Government last week after three State Governments could not agree on responsibility for it. It is to be stored pending its destruction. The powder was produced legally by a Bavarian dairy firm after the Chernobyl disaster, when cows gave radioactive milk. Police cleared more than 200 demonstrators from railway lines near Meppen, in northern Germany.

Rise in addiction

Karachi — There has been an alarming increase in the number of heroin addicts in Pakistan during the last few years, with an estimated 182.5 million tonnes of heroin consumed in 1986.

Surveys by the Pakistan Narcotics Control Board and the Punjab University reveal more than 2 million heroin addicts in the country, with another 100,000 estimated to become addicted this year.

Prout wins vote

Brussels — Mr Christopher Prout, aged 45, the Conservative Member of the European Parliament for Shropshire and Staffordshire, has been elected Chairman of the European Democratic Group (Our Correspondent writes).

The election, called following the departure of Sir Henry Plumb puts Mr Prout at the head of a centre-right party including British, Danish and Spanish Conservatives.

Praise for Thatcher

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, should be "as virile" as Mrs Thatcher in the handling of his country's affairs, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of Europe's extreme right-wing parliamentary group, said in London yesterday (Nicholas Beeston writes).

At a meeting of the European Right Group, M Le Pen, head of the French National Front party, applauded Mrs Thatcher's "desocialization" of Britain, saying: "I would hope that in many circumstances M Chirac would be as virile as Mrs Thatcher."

Victims of terrorism in Jerusalem protest at hostage deal reports

Jerusalem (AP) — Police blocked angry relatives of terrorist victims from the US consulate yesterday during a protest sparked off by reports that Israel will exchange 400 Arab prisoners for hostages in Lebanon.

Ten Israeli demonstrators shouted "Death to terrorists" and "America, don't pressure Israel to free terrorists" and held up pictures of murdered relatives during the 20-minute protest.

The protesters marched to the consulate from the Supreme Court, where they had burst into the chambers of the court president and shouted against "freeing the murderers of their children", a witness said.

The demonstrators were from six of 15 families who asked the Supreme Court to block the Government from swapping convicted terrorists for Israeli or American captives, said a spokesman for the families, Mr Meir Indor.

He said the families were acting on news reports of a possible exchange.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry official refused to confirm or deny a report in the *Davar* newspaper that Israel and the United States were negotiating for the freedom of all Israelis, Americans and other foreigners held by pro-Iranian and pro-Syrian guerrillas in Lebanon. As part of a swap, Israel would free 400 Arab prisoners, the newspaper said.

"We don't know about any such talks ... I have no information about that, so I can't confirm or deny this," said the official.

Mrs Rina Azran, whose husband, Chaim, was stabbed to death last year in the occupied Gaza Strip, asked a reporter outside the consulate: "This is the land of Israel; how can it be that terrorists will be set free and we won't feel safe?"

The consulate's senior political officer, Mr Paul Maillhot, met the relatives for several minutes outside the building, guarded by dozens of police.

He told reporters: "We understand what they say and we will pass the information to Washington."

Israeli and US officials have said the US has not asked Israel to negotiate for the hostages. The Israeli Foreign Ministry official said there have been "routine contacts" with Washington regarding the hostage issue, "but they did not include specifics. It's an exchange of information."

Shia Muslim militiamen yesterday turned back truckloads of emergency food for the Bourj el-Barajneh Palestinian refugee camp where residents are said to have eaten rats to survive (Reuter reports from Beirut). A last-minute hitch was apparently caused by disagreement over a peace plan to end the "camps war" in which at least 750 people have died: Amal first demanded the right to move back into the strategic Maghdoousheh village in southern Lebanon.

● BEIRUT — Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim militia leader who has, for the second time in as many years, effectively hijacked the negotiations for the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon, yesterday made the self-confident prediction that Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's missing envoy, would be released "very soon" and that 400 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners would shortly be exchanged for an Israeli pilot, three Americans and an Indian held in Beirut (Robert Fisk writes).

Speaking with an authority that suggested he knew more than he was prepared to reveal publicly, Mr Berri claimed in Damascus that there were "positive signs" that the exchange of prisoners would take place, adding that Mr Waite must also be released in the near future because "it is shameful that a peace mediator and cleric be treated in this way ... I am optimistic that he will be released shortly". It was a matter of days or weeks not months, he said, before Mr Waite would be set free.

The reported visits to east Beirut of a West German government envoy have increased the suspicion that Bonn is negotiating for the release of the two German captives in west Beirut, seized in order to prevent the extradition to the United States of a Lebanese accused of helping to hijack the American TWA jet to Lebanon in 1985.

The ghosts of that saga have now returned to haunt both hostages and negotiators in Beirut. It was Mr Berri who successfully took control of the kidnapped American passengers from their original captors and who later felt bitterly aggrieved that the Americans accused him of participating in "terrorism" rather than thanking him for his intercession.

He clearly intends to take better advantage of the new hostage crisis and ensure that some genuine international gratitude comes his way if he is successful.

● NABLUS: Israeli troops fired tear gas and rubber bullets yesterday at Palestinians who hurled stones, metal objects and firebombs during a series of demonstrations in the occupied West Bank, Israeli and Palestinian officials said (AP reports). There were no reported injuries.



British flavour in Oscar listings

British actor Bob Hoskins, above, was at Elstree Studios yesterday when he heard that he had been nominated for a Best Actor Oscar for his role as the likeable monster in *Mona Lisa*.

Yesterday's nominations will give the 59th annual Oscar show on March 30 a distinctly British flavour (Ivor Davis writes from Los Angeles). *Platoon*, about the futility of the Vietnam War, and the British-made *Room With A View*, a romantic story set in an Italian *pensione* at the turn of the century, both won eight nominations.

Jane Fonda, who has already won two Oscars, is nominated Best Actress for her role in *The Morning After*. The English director Roland Joffee's British-financed film *The Mission* has won seven, mostly technical, nominations. Another British filmmaker, James Ivory, is nominated Best Director for *Room With A View*.

Michael Caine is nominated Best Supporting Actor as the philandering husband in *Hannah and Her Sisters*, and in the same picture Maggie Smith, also an Oscar winner, is nominated Best Supporting Actress. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

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Royal visit marks Philippa's wedding

From Alan Hamilton
Lisbon

The Prince and Princess of Wales were greeted on their arrival here yesterday by President Soares, as they began a four-day official visit to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the King of Portugal's marriage to a Lancashire girl.

The wedding in Oporto, on St Valentine's Day 1387, between King João I and Philippa of Lancaster was the first fruit of the Treaty of Windsor of the previous year, a treaty invoked as recently as 1982 to allow British aircraft on their way to the Falklands conflict to refuel in the Azores.

England acquired its oldest ally in return for the help of English archers in defeating a Spanish invasion of Portugal, and because John of Gaunt sought Portuguese support in his claim to the throne of Castile. Philippa cemented the friendship by giving birth to Henry the Navigator.

Relations between the two partners have remained good. In 1984 Mrs Thatcher and Dr Soares, who was then Prime Minister, exchanged visits, and the Queen later made a state visit to Lisbon. Last year the ruling Social Democratic Party hosted a visit by Dr David Owen.

High on the agenda of the current royal visit is the question of trade. Portugal, although the poorest member state of the European community, enjoys a healthy trade balance with Britain, which for the first 11 months of last year stood at £285 million in Portugal's favour. Britain is now only Portugal's fourth largest trading partner, having failed to make the advances recently shown by West Germany, France and especially Spain.

One of the most successful exporters in the past year, however, has been Austin Rover, which has sold its entire quota of vehicles to Portugal. In an effort to close the trade gap, the Prince of Wales will tomorrow open a British trade fair in Oporto, where the emphasis will be on computers and other high technology equipment.

The trade mission had an inauspicious start, however, when the British-built Range Rover carrying the Chief of Police broke down in the ceremonial arrival procession and had to be pushed.

Star Wars deployment

US urged to consult allies

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Amid growing fears that Washington may move towards deployment of Star Wars defences, the Prime Ministers of Britain and Italy yesterday made a joint call on the United States to consult its Nato allies.

After meeting Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister of Italy, Mrs Thatcher said: "We both expressed the hope that the United States would continue to consult its allies closely on issues connected with the Strategic Defence Initiative."

She added: "Our message to the US is 'please consult your allies on this matter of vital interest to us all'."

The call came seven days after Britain's Ambassador to Washington, Sir Anthony Acland, asked Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, to clarify rumours that a deployment decision might be imminent.

Since then Whitehall has received no assurances from Washington. The governments of Canada, Japan, West Germany and Belgium have also expressed concern.

Mrs Thatcher's statement was seen as remarkable in that she felt the need to make it publicly, rather than personally to President Reagan by telephone.

There has been deep unease among the European allies that any move from land-based to space-based testing of SDI could harm East-West relations. A decision to deploy even a limited first phase of the laser technology is thought likely to undermine strategic disarmament talks taking place in Geneva. Yesterday Mrs Thatcher called for a joint European stance. "We also hope that Europe will be able to get together," she said.

The announcement followed days of conflicting reports from Washington, reflecting a power struggle between the Pentagon and the State Department. Mr Casper Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, has lobbied for a US commitment to deploy the first part of a system to protect the continent against ballistic missiles.

Mr Shultz has been more cautious, clearly concerned that Moscow would interpret such a decision as US abandonment of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Differences over interpretation of the treaty caused the breakdown of the Reykjavik summit in October and now pose a strain on the Atlantic alliance.

Mrs Thatcher said it was up to the superpowers to interpret the treaty as only they had access to confidential understandings reached in 1972.

She repeated Britain's support for SDI research, which she has previously said can include everything necessary to establish whether the technology will work.

Neither leader presented the call as a criticism of President Reagan.

"I have full confidence in President Reagan and the United States is our foremost and most reliable ally," Mrs Thatcher said.

Signor Craxi added: "Our alliance with the US is not under discussion."

The British and Italian leaders agreed on other issues but not the EEC budget. As expected, Mrs Thatcher refused to accept a change in the method of financing Community expenditure which is under consideration by the EEC Commission and favoured by Italy.

Mrs Thatcher announced that President Cossiga of Italy will visit Britain from November 17 to 20.



Signor Craxi and Mrs Thatcher at their press conference in London yesterday.

Whites accused of murder as race tensions surface in US

From Charles Bremner, New York

Three white teenagers — one of them British-born — have been charged with murder and nine others indicted on counts including manslaughter and rioting for their part in a racial attack in a New York suburb that has sparked strong emotions and seized national attention as a symptom of renewed black-white tension in the United States.

"This case is an American tragedy. I cannot overlook the severity of the charges," said Judge Alfred Lerner, arraigning the teenagers from the predominantly Italian and Irish district of Howard Beach, after they surrendered to police before dawn on Tuesday morning.

Black community leaders welcomed the action brought by Mr Charles Hynes, a special prosecutor who took over the case after an earlier attempt to bring charges for the December 20 incident collapsed amid allegations of incompetence and bias by city law officers.

The white teenagers are accused of chasing and beating three black men whose car broke down at night in the lower-middle-class suburb in the Queens borough, alongside Kennedy airport. One of the victims, Mr Michael Griffith, was killed by a car after he fled on to a nearby motorway.

According to the indictment, Jon Lester, aged 17, who was born in Manchester and came to the United States six years ago, egged on the gang, saying: "There were some niggers in the pizza parlour ... Let's go back and kill them."

Lester, who attended Howard Beach's John Adams High School, is already serving a sentence of up to three years on a firearms charge. He lives with his mother and her American second husband. His father, Mr John Lester, a former West Midlands policeman, has returned to England.

Mr Hynes said that he managed to break the case because he persuaded one of the defendants, Robert Riley,



Jon Lester: witnesses say he egged on teenage gang.

aged 17, to inform on his friends. The youth, charged with manslaughter, was the only one of the 12 to be allowed bail.

Mr Hynes's predecessor, Mr John Santucci, the Queens District Attorney, was not present at the court for the arraignment. He was relieved of the case by Mr Mario Cuomo, the state Governor, last month when it got bogged down over the refusal of one of the black survivors, Mr Cedric Sandford, aged 36, to co-operate.

Mr Sandford had insisted that the driver of the car had taken part in the attack. Mr Hynes has not brought any charge against the man.

Reacting to bitterness among residents over sweeping charges of racism in their community, the special prosecutor said outside the court building: "This is not an indictment of Howard Beach. Events like this happen all over the world ... They happened during the Holocaust and they happen in South Africa every day."

Mr Edward Koch, Mayor of New York, has called the Howard Beach attack a "mob lynching" and called for the maximum punishment.

The incident has been widely viewed by black activists and democratic politicians as a symbol of a resurgence in racial violence in America in the 1980s.

Civil rights workers say that a new generation of racially intolerant youths have come of age in the Reagan era.

"Complacency set in. We relied too heavily on the momentum of the civil rights movement and on laws," said Ms Joan Weiss, director of the National Institute against Prejudice and Violence.

The Rev Jesse Jackson, the prominent black politician, is arguing that the Howard Beach trauma is merely a local manifestation of a racial intolerance that continues to seethe under the surface of American society.

A banner headline in yesterday's edition of the *New York Post* gave an indication of the racial sympathies at work in the Howard Beach case. It read: "Howard Beach shocker — teen turned in his pals."

Brazil replaces central bank chief after clashes

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

In a move to halt dissent within Brazil's government economic team, and to control soaring interest rates, a new Central Bank president was installed in Brasilia yesterday.

Senhor Francisco Roberto Andre Gros, aged 42, an economist trained in the United States, replaces Senhor Fernão Bracher.

Senhor Bracher, known as an orthodox economist, had increasingly clashed with more liberal government ministers over his defence of "realistic" rates of interest on domestic bank loans.

He had also argued for a more conciliatory stance towards foreign creditors in renegotiating Brazil's $110 billion (£72 billion) debt. The other government economists, led by the Minister of Finance, Senhor Dilson Funaro, have taken a tougher stand, insisting that the International Monetary Fund should not interfere in negotiations.

On his last day of office, Senhor Bracher elevated the rate of return for short-term certificates of deposit to a startling 800 per cent a year. He argued that the unprecedented interest rates really only reflected the rate of inflation in the Brazilian economy, which in a year has gone from almost nothing to nearly 20 per cent a month.

The fall of Senhor Bracher has been seen as a victory for the left-of-centre policies of the main government party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement Party.

Soaring birth rate and consumer boom fuel Egypt's woes

From Ian Murray
Cairo

He has a big belly, a gleaming gold tooth and a ready handshake. "My name is Hassan, sir. You are most welcome in my country." The tooth flashes as the smile spreads down his chin. "You like to change dollars, sir? Very best rate."

In so many ways Hassan personifies his country's economy. His belly obviously needs a lot of feeding. His tooth shows he has expensive tastes. He needs dollars, he proudly says, "to feed my family, sir, six very good boys".

Hassan and his fellow illicit money changers who haunt Cairo's tourist areas are the inevitable consequence of Egypt's consumer-orientated, free-spending economy, which, together with a booming birth rate, represents the most dangerous long-term threat to President Mubarak.

The President seems certain to win the referendum he has called for today to dissolve the People's Assembly so that elections can be held under new rules on April 9.

● US aid of $2.3 billion is essential ●

He also seems certain to win the election, and nobody expects any real change from the voting — which means Hassan has no worries for the immediate future.

But every nine months there are now another one million Egyptians to feed.

The Government has traditionally subsidized basic foods and fuel to hold down inflation, at a cost to the economy of up to a quarter of the budget.

That subsidy means petrol sells at about 55p a gallon, and that bread — 78 per cent of it made from wheat imported at knockdown American or EEC prices — is so cheap that as much gets thrown away as eaten.

It also means that the budget deficit is soaring, while accumulated debts now total more than $37 billion (£24.6 billion).

Subsidies also mean that the Government feels justified in holding down wages in the huge public sector, which employs 35 per cent of the 13 million-strong labour force, including 500,000 in the armed forces.

Inflation therefore remains relatively low for those living on subsidized foods, but other prices are now estimated to be rising at 30 per cent and more. Hassan, like his country, therefore needs more dollars.

Egypt has five main sources of foreign income: the Suez Canal, oil, tourism, remittances from up to three million Egyptians working abroad and American aid.

The canal earns about $1 billion a year and is trying to attract more trade by offering lower tariffs.

Oil, which used to produce 70 per cent of export earnings, is dropping in value and production has been cut.

Tourism has also dropped as fear of terrorism has spread to travel agencies. Allowing for Hassan's percentage, tourists spent around $1.2 billion in 1984, but last year spent $350 million less.

All this means that President Mubarak needs to try to cut consumption, and subsidies are now being pared away.

But Hassan's belly will not take kindly to belt-tightening.

● Fears of terrorism have hit tourism ●

Last year's police riots — prompted by mere rumours of tougher conditions for conscript cadets — show that austerity could have dangerous results in a country used to living well.

American aid totalling $2.3 billion is thus an essential budget element. Although $1 billion of it is specifically for non-military purposes, it is all called "security assistance".

This aid is Egypt's reward for signing the Camp David peace treaty with Israel in 1979. It enables Hassan to maintain his belly, his six sons and his gold tooth, and gives President Mubarak with the kind of stability he needs to keep the peace.

"If anyone has an interest in peace in the Middle East, they have to pay the Egyptians," one Western diplomat said. "But there will be 70 million of them by the turn of the century and 100 million by 2015. One day the price will get too high."

Mitterrand pledge on Chad withdrawal

From Diana Geddes, Paris

President Mitterrand of France has given an undertaking to the president of the Organization of African Unity, Mr Denis Sassou-Nguesso, that French troops in Chad will leave as soon as the Libyans have withdrawn their forces from the rebel-occupied north, but not before.

It is the first time that the French President has given such a clear undertaking.

Speaking at a dinner in honour of President Sassou-Nguesso of the Congo, who ended a three-day state visit to Paris yesterday, M Mitterrand insisted that no comparison was possible between "an army of occupation" (the Libyans) and France, called in by a sovereign country.

"If the occupiers leave, the French troops will go without wasting a minute," he said. "The operations in the north involve a confrontation between Chadians who are 'at home' and foreign forces who have no right to be there ..."

M Mitterrand was indirectly replying to President Sassou-Nguesso, who had appeared to equate the role of France and Libya in Chad when he said in a French radio interview at the weekend that the Chad question must be treated "outside all external interference, whether it be French or Libyan".

WORLD SUMMARY

US-Russian talks on atom tests stall

Geneva — Both the United States and the Soviet Union have acknowledged failure to make headway in the fourth round of negotiations on nuclear tests, now adjourned until March 16 (Alan MacGregor writes). In two-and-a-half weeks of meetings they were unable to agree even on what the discussions should be called. The Russians want the title to include "comprehensive test ban" whereas the Americans will go no further than "nuclear testing negotiations".

Similarly, the US perceives discussions as confined initially to techniques for effective verification of the 150-kiloton limit set in the 1974 and 1976 threshold treaties. While the Soviet side has now agreed to talk about verifying those treaties, it also seeks simultaneous consideration of further steps after their ratification.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan yesterday met top advisers to discuss the direction of the Strategic Defence Initiative and how his Administration should consult Congress and the allies on the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty (Michael Binyon writes).

Storm greets Princess

Abu Dhabi (Reuter) — Princess Anne faced a desert sandstorm yesterday to greet schoolchildren in Abu Dhabi on the first day of a four-nation Middle East tour.

The Princess arrived from Western Australia to attend an outdoor swimming competition at the British-run al Khubairat community school, and even remarked on how cool the weather was by comparison.

Earlier she had met the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, and other officials of Abu Dhabi emirate. Her five-day programme includes visits to the oasis city of al-Ain, a dairy farm in Ras al-Khaimah and two nights in the trading city of Dubai, where she is due to stay in the ruler's guest palace.

Pressure on Botha

Washington — President Reagan's advisory committee on South Africa, which is about to publish its findings, will call for tougher sanctions against the Pretoria Government unless it moves quickly towards dismantling apartheid (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Reagan established the committee in 1985 as part of a series of steps to try to dissuade Congress from introducing tough measures against Pretoria. But it seems to have backfired on him.

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Gloom on Chad

Paris (Reuter) — M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, and Mr Denis Sassou-Nguesso, chairman of the Organization of African Unity, yesterday voiced pessimism on prospects for a peaceful settlement in Chad.

But both pledged to continue diplomatic efforts for a deal involving the withdrawal of foreign troops. Mr Sassou-Nguesso, who is President of Congo and architect of a three-point Chad peace plan already rebuffed by Chad and France, repeated his pleas for compromise.

Birth rate worries

Bonn — The West German Government's concern about a low birth rate that threatens its troop commitments to Nato and the viability of pensions was not eased by a report presented to the Cabinet yesterday (John England writes).

It showed that West German women last year had a total of 624,000 babies, 40,000 more than in 1985. But that was about 225,000 fewer live births than were needed to match the death rate and help stop the Germans disappearing.

West Germany has had the world's lowest annual birth rate since 1974, and the report forecasts that the native population will drop by 14 million by the year 2030.

Election in Hesse

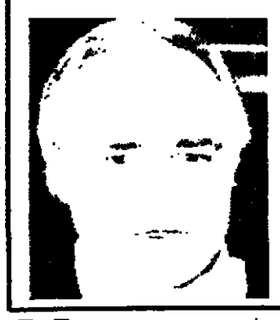
Bonn — New state elections are to be held in Hesse in April following the breakup of the coalition of Social Democrats (SPD) and Greens in a dispute over a nuclear plant (John England writes).

This follows the dismissal of Herr Joschka Fischer, the Green Environment Minister, by Herr Holger Börner, the SPD Prime Minister, after Herr Fischer threatened to resign if a plutonium plant remained in operation.

Atlanta choice

Washington — After a long inter-city battle, Atlanta has captured the 1988 Democratic Party national convention. Houston was the runner-up (Christopher Thomas writes).

In the end, political considerations outweighed practical ones. The Democrats decided that their presence should be felt in the deep South, which will be a critical factor in the 1988 elections. The Republican convention will be held in New Orleans.



Tango at last

Reuter — After consulting film experts, a Rome judge has ruled that *Last Tango in Paris*, the 1972 film starring Marlon Brando, left, and Maria Schneider, was no longer offensive to public decency and ended an 11-year ban against the film in Italy.

White House under pressure from arms and hostage crises

Stress of Irangate takes heavy toll on Reagan's advisers

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The stress of the daily revelations, political scandal and gruelling congressional hearings on the Iran affair is taking its toll on President Reagan's advisers. Mr Robert McFarlane, recovering in hospital from an overdose of valium, is just one of the many embroiled in the controversy who is now paying with his nerves for past loyal service.

Mr William Casey, the former Central Intelligence Agency director, suffered seizures and had an emergency operation for a cancerous brain tumour in December after almost a week of continuous testimony on Capitol Hill. His tumour and cancer were already afflicting him, but doctors said that the stress of his questioning probably induced the seizures.

The mental anguish of those in the thick of the controversy has been plain to see on their faces. Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, mercilessly mocked, blamed and lambasted in papers and on television throughout America, had tears in his eyes and a voice close to cracking when he told the House of Representatives: "I don't know there is another person in America that wants to tell this story as much as I do."

As he invoked the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination, one congressman remarked that he had "never seen more anguish or distress in the face of an individual who had had to testify before this committee".

But Colonel North, beseiged by reporters and photographers as he goes to church, drives his car or steps outside his Virginia home with his family, is not cracking under the strain. He winds down his car window to exchange pleasantries and refuse comment. He tells friends with whom he dines that he is amused by the more bizarre stories he reads of his escapades, and that the truth is more mundane.

Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, portrayed an image of pipe-smoking composure as he too faced the congressional inquisitors. Like Colonel North, his religion has probably sustained him. His wife has just been appointed an Episcopalian clergyman.

But he has new worries to face over his rank and pension. Unless President Reagan recommends an exception to the Senate, he will lose a star and revert to being a rear-admiral. The Senate is in no mood to make the exception, and the US Navy is trying quietly to persuade him to accept demotion. He has reportedly refused.

Within the White House, the full heat of the scandal has fallen on Mr Donald Regan, the Chief of Staff, who is being blamed widely for having allowed the fiasco to happen. A man of legendary obstinacy, he has stood firm in the face of repeated calls and pressure for his resignation. But even he has appeared harassed and distraught, and kept himself from public view.

As for President Reagan himself, the stress of Iran has perhaps been the most powerful factor in embittering and demoralizing him. In a rare display of anger, he admitted that his heart was full of bile and said he was not going to "crawl into a hole".

But since then friends have reported him bitter and bewildered by the sudden change in his fortunes. He has been distracted at meetings with congressman and withdrawn from public view. The President has lost his jauntiness and, partly because of his recent prostate operation, has suddenly begun to look old.

Angry Shultz denounces kidnappers as 'animals'

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has denounced as animals the Palestinians holding American hostages in Lebanon.

"We want to figure out a way to raise the cost to those animals," he told a group of American Legion officers this week.

"There are various ways of doing that, and I believe that, no, we shouldn't be running around using our capacity for force right and left. But they have to know there are situations where we will do it. And that will sober a few people up."

He observed that the hostage problem is a tough one for the US because "we are a sympathetic people and we all feel, as the President does, when an American overseas is kicked around, we're kicked around. And we're going to do something about it".

Mr Shultz made his remarks after the threatened deadline on Monday for killing three American professors held hostage was extended. He did not refer specifically to that threat.

Meanwhile it was revealed that the Reagan Administration has not discussed with Israel the question of freeing 400 Arab prisoners which the Palestinian group threatening to kill the hostages has demanded.

A White House spokesman emphasized that "we will not pay ransom for hostages; we will not encourage others to do so, and we won't comment on any particular course of action".

The US has deployed two aircraft carrier battle groups in the eastern Mediterranean as a precautionary measure.

● JERUSALEM: Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, repeated yesterday that Israel has not been approached to free the 400 prisoners and suggested that the Islamic Jihad organization must have had "some other reason" not to carry out its threat to kill the hostages (David Bernstein writes).

He was sceptical of the proposal made by Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal leader, to include a captured Israeli airman in any proposed exchange.

Apart from the navigator held by Amal, two Israeli soldiers kidnapped in southern Lebanon six months ago are being held by the Islamic Jihad and four others believed to have been captured during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon are still unaccounted for.

● FRANKFURT: Mr Philip Engs, a Canadian engineer, said yesterday that he felt fine after arriving from Tehran, after being held in detention by Iranian authorities since December.



Mrs Bader Turner, wife of one of the Americans held in Lebanon, reads a letter from Mr Alann Steen pleading for his life and those of other hostages. With her are Mrs Ferial Polhill, left, and Mrs Virginia Steen, the wives of his companions.

Red Cross in deal for exchange of hostages

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controlled by Ayatollah Khomeini's son Ahmed — appealed for Mr Waite's release, describing him in flattering terms as "an intrepid English knight who searches for peace and who, like Robin Hood, set out for Lebanon with courage and boldness to free American hostages in the hands of terrorists".

However curious the parallel to Robin Hood, this extraordinary accolade — which also referred to the British envoy as a "legendary hero" — may well have been the first response of Hojatol-islam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, to the appeals specifically made to him last week by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In Beirut, meanwhile, the wives of the three most recent American hostages thanked the "Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine" for sparing their husbands' lives.

A statement read at a press conference by Mrs Feryal Polhill, wife of Professor Robert Polhill of the Beirut University College, said the women thanked them "from the bottom of their hearts for showing compassion towards their beloved husbands".

"Once again, we urge the American Adminstration to spare no effort in persuading Israel to release the 400 Palestinian *Mujahedin* (sic). Man is born free and he has the right to remain so. Freedom should never be catagorised. Freedom is for all."

Mrs Virginia Steen, wife of Professor Alann Steen, was clearly in an optimistic mood, asking her husband through the medium of the press conference if he realised that the New York Giants football team had won their latest game.

Family in plea for held Briton

By Nicholas Beeston

Three hundred days after a British journalist was seized in Beirut and disappeared without a trace, his friends and colleagues appealed to his abductors yesterday to identify themselves and put forward their demands.

Nothing has been heard of Mr John McCarthy, aged 30, the acting bureau chief of Worldwide Television News in Beirut, since his car was intercepted and he was driven away at gunpoint in April.

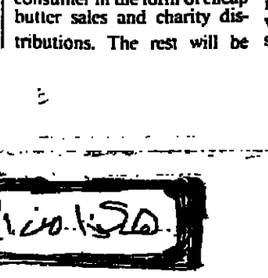
At a London press conference his girlfriend, Miss Jill Morrell, asked the kidnappers to "say why you are holding him and what you want".

Miss Morrell and a colleague of Mr McCarthy, Mr Nick Toksvig, visited Cyprus and Syria over Christmas to ask leaders in the region for help in locating him.

Mrs Sheila McCarthy, his mother, has appealed on Lebanese television three times for news of her son. Her appeals have so far remained unanswered.

Mr Terry Waite, the Anglican envoy, said before his disappearance in Lebanon more than three weeks ago that he had information that Mr McCarthy was alive.

Miss Morrell described the envoy's disappearance as a terrible blow to hopes that the journalist might be freed, but said that she intended to return to the region and continue contacts with Lebanese leaders.



Miss Jill Morrell: 'Say why you are holding him . . .'

Palestinian refugees starve just yards from fruit seller

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

Less than 200 yards from the front line dividing Palestinian starvation from the adequate life of the Lebanese Shia Muslim population of Bourj el-Barajneh, a street vendor was yesterday selling tangerines, oranges and potatoes.

His loud, monotonous litany of produce was probably audible to the Palestinians inside their shattered camp. If they have been given permission by their religious leaders to "eat human flesh", as a last resort, the food that is needed to sustain them was not as distant as the vendor's battered cart.

> No one . . . knows the real magnitude of their own misfortune

Were it not for the ocassional gunfire, life on the perimeter of the besieged Palestinian camp seemed perfectly normal. Schoolgirls in neat blue uniforms and white scarves mingled and giggled in corners on their way home. Young militiamen armed with automatic weapons yawned and smoked as they let the twisting columns of honking cars pass through old cement roadblocks adorned with portraits of Shia Muslim leaders and the local "martyrs".

Weed is already growing over the huge earth mounds blocking the streets that once led to the camp. And no one, except the thousands of refugees trapped amid the ruins of hundreds of houses blown up by artillery fire, knows the real magnitude of their own misfortune.

People like the commander of the T 55 tank aimed at the camp say without any trace of sympathy that, no doubt, after nearly four months of siege, life inside Bourj el-Barajneh and the neighbouring shanty-town must be miserable. "Even war has become more difficult," he admitted. "The rubble of the buildings we've been hitting has been piling up, giving the Palestinians new barricades and tank traps."

Since the eruption of the latest, savage round of the war of the camps, Shia Muslim forces of the Amal militia and Muslim units of Lebanon's divided Army have maintained an implacable ring around the Bourj el-Barajneh and Chatila camps. Palestinian guerrillas, most of them loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, have been resisting fiercely daily attacks with the confidence of an Army prepared for a long war.

Since a major Amal onslaught in the summer, the Palestinians had stocked up food, medicine and fuel. They knew that the conflict this time would be longer, because at stake were PLO plans to return to Beirut after its expulsion by the Israeli Army in the invasion of 1982. No one — not Mr Arafat nor the Amal militia and its Syrian-backed leaders, and certianly not the thousands of Palestinian refugees now trying to survive — appeared to have ever thought that this war could drag on for so long.

Chilling reports about life inside the besieged camps have leaked out through radio contact or on scraps of paper smuggled across Amal lines. No foreign or Lebanese reporter has actually entered the camps to verify the reports of children starving to death

"The situation is critical and inhuman," said a report signed by a foreign medical team working in the camp. "There is no flour, no fresh food and so pregnant women and children are becoming undernourished. People are eating stale food and suffering vomiting and diarrhoea . . . Water has to be collected from taps in the street at great personal risk. Several women have been shot by snipers while collecting water for their families."

That report, however, was of more than one week ago. The latest was so astonishing that it became the base for a strong protest by Mr Zehli Labib Terzi, the PLO observer to the United Nations. Mr Terzi said in New York that Palestinian refugees had asked Muslim religious leaders for special permission to eat human flesh because they were starving.

"It is rather traumatizing to think that people can reach a stage of starvation when they can ask for an edict or some permission that they can eat the flesh of the kill because they don't have anything else to eat," he said.

The request in question has never been seen and it is unclear to whom it was specifically addressed.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, the most prominent Shia Muslim scholar in Lebanon, yesterday was quoted as saying that "a Fatwa, or religious decree to allow people to eat human flesh is only tolerated when all kinds of other food cease to exist. It is in this case only that eating the flesh of the dead becomes permissible." The sheikh appeared to be giving credibility to reports that, at least until yesterday,

> Refugees asked . . . permission to eat human flesh because they were starving

Palestinian children were catching rats to eat when he said "the situation in the camp has not reached that dimension."

These reports have prompted King Hassan of Morocco to propose parachuting food supplies over Bourj el-Barajneh to relieve the situation, which he said had attained "a degree of indescribable atrocity". The West German Government, for its part, has expressed its "deep concern".

The organizations that could play a more practical role, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), are powerless in the face of the brutality of the war of the camps, which has claimed about 750 lives in four months.

More care pledged for women

From Alastair Matheson
Nairobi

The World Bank launched a major international strategy here yesterday to reduce by half the number of women's deaths in childbirth within ten years. This is the Bank's latest contribution to family planning programmes in developing countries.

Giving details of the World Bank plan, its new president, Mr Barber Conadle, told the opening session in Nairobi of a global conference on "Save Motherhood" that the Bank plans to double the amount of money it will lend for population, health and nutrition activities in developing countries over the next three years.

By 1990 he expects the Bank will be directly assisting projects in 50 countries, with an annual expenditure of up to $500 million (£330 million).

Noting that the number of deaths from childbirth is now about 500,000 a year, mostly in Africa and South Asia, Mr Conable outlined the key features of what he termed "a major new strategy for women in developing countries".

This will include stronger community-based health care, more hospitals and health centres to deal with obstetric emergencies, and an "alarm" and transport system for pregnant women.

Pressure from South Africa

Maputo hit by rail rate cuts

From Paul Vallely, Maputo

The South African Government is subsidizing rates on its nationalized railway system to entice more trade from businesses in its black neighbour states, the British Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Christopher Patten, was told in Mozambique yesterday.

The tactic, which has been employed for almost a year, is designed partly to buy commercial advantage, but also to increase the strategic leverage which Pretoria employs against frontline states. Already some 85 per cent of their imports and exports goes through South Africa. Discounting the tariffs is designed to increase that still further.

"South African Railways have lowered their tariffs to such an extent that it is now cheaper for firms in Zimbabwe, and even Zambia, to take their goods through Port Elizabeth then it is via Maputo," a Mozambican port official told Mr Patten. Even goods which did go through Maputo often had to travel initially via South Africa, which could make a substantial surcharge.

The discounted rates are tied into long-term contracts which make it difficult for businesses in neighbouring states to extricate themselves from the deals in any change of political circumstances.

Mr Patten was in Maputo surveying British aid projects — including port handling assistance and a welding plant near by which produces 126-metre lengths of rail — part of a £12-million investment to rehabilitate the closed Limpopo railway line, the most southerly of the three lines which cross Mozambique and provide access to the sea

"What I have seen has convinced me that we are right in concentrating our efforts on the Limpopo line," Mr Patten said. "A locomotive can pull twice as much cargo across that as it could across the Beira Corridor when they are both running normally. It is also easier to defend against attacks by armed bandits." He was using the official Mozambican Government term for the South African-backed rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance.

"Maputo as a port is much better developed than Beira. What we have to do now is persuade some of the other donors to join us," he said.

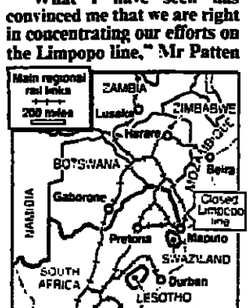
Later Mr Patten offered the Mozambican Government technical assistance in managing the line once it reopened.

Today Mr Patten is expected to announce an extra £5 million in British aid for general projects such as road maintenance. If the Government comes to an agreement with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as is expected here, it is understood that Britain will offer further aid to help Mozambique's balance of payments crisis.

Mr Patten's offer of technical assistance followed his announcement earlier this week of £1.5 million in British emergency aid for famine-hit regions of Mozambique.

The cash, destined for Oxfam, the Save the Children Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund, is for the purchase and repair of trucks in central and northern provinces and to provide clothes and other goods for the growing refugee population.

More than three million peasant farmers are said to have been driven off their land by rebel guerrillas.



£2.3bn butter deal gets ministers' approval

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

European Community agriculture ministers yesterday gave the political go-ahead for a £2.3 billion loan to the EEC to dispose of the butter mountain. Under the EEC plan, 1,030,000 tonnes will be sliced out of the Community's butter stocks, leaving just over a quarter of a million tonnes.

Britain, with 20 per cent of the stocks, will finance one-fifth of the scheme at a cost of more than £400 million to the taxpayer. Repayment with 7 per cent interest is due over four years starting in 1989.

Only a small part of the butter — 130,000 tonnes over two years — will go to the consumer in the form of cheap butter sales and charity distributions. The rest will be sold to the Soviet Union, or disposed of commercially.

Of the 400,000 tonnes earmarked for export in 1987, almost the entire quantity is expected to go to the Soviet Union. Already the European Commission is negotiating the sale of 300,000 tonnes to Moscow

Technically, the butter is owned by national governments and is paid for by the EEC at the moment when it is sold out of store. But under yesterday's agreement, the Community will not pay for the butter for two years.

After the decision, Mr John Gummer, the junior Agriculture Minister, said: "If more had gone to the housewife, it would not have stepped up demand."

Rome has the edge at Anglo-Italian summit

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The first Anglo-Italian summit meeting at which the British will arguably be the poor cousins is to be held today, with financial matters dominating the talks.

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, and five ministers of his five-party coalition will no doubt be too polite to mention economic indicators which give Italy a slight edge in the European pecking order.

Mrs Thatcher, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, may take comfort in rival figures suggesting that the upturn in oil prices should move Britain fractionally ahead.

The wealth stakes have been made relevant by a plan under consideration by the European Commission to use gross domestic product as the basis for calculating each country's contribution to the EEC.

The Italians are in favour of, and the British against, making the plan the only important bilateral issue between them. Rome argues that the change could have the effect of Italy paying more than Britain. Whitehall replies that both would pay more.

With Italy certainly and Britain probably in an election year, both governments have sidestepped the thorny issue of nuclear power.

Breaking the Irish mould

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DESMOND O'MALLEY

Ireland's most popular politician emerged into the television studio lights carrying a large armful of papers. Dessie O'Malley is a small, brisk man and since, to all intents and purposes, he *is* the brand new Progressive Democrat party, he was in a hurry.

The interviewer tested for sound levels. "And will the helicopters really run on time?" she asked, echoing the Mussolini overtones of the front cover of Ireland's equivalent of *Private Eye* showing O'Malley arriving at a campaign stop by air.

The joke had a serious edge to it: Ireland is ambivalent about ambitious political personalities, responding to presidential campaigning while retaining a deep suspicion of personality cults or leaders who claim a right to step outside accepted wisdom. The Mussolini label has also been pinned on Charles Haughey of Fianna Fail. Only the professorial Garret FitzGerald of the governing Fine Gael party – who is about as far from Il Duce as it is possible to imagine – has escaped the comparison.

The interview, for which O'Malley had been preparing all day, went well. Like many practiced politicians, he performs better when the questions provoke a note of urgency and irritation. He hit his highest note with an answer which finished in exasperation: "You can't wait and say that you're paralysed by any change! That's what has crucified this country."

O'Malley is both suspected and respected for this radical note. At the age of 46 he finally left Fianna Fail, the country's largest party, to found what has frequently come to be known as the "Desocrats". His followers appreciate the appeal for politicians to break away from the habits and divisions drawn from the civil war of the 1920s.

When he was expelled from Fianna Fail, a Labour politician commented: "He was accused of having ideas. To be an intellectual, even of the right, is a very much greater disability in Irish politics than being sexually perverse." His detractors allege that he is infiltrating alien economic ideas (his economic policy is, by Irish standards, unprecedentedly enterprise and market-based) and using his fledgling party as a weapon in a long feud against Charles Haughey.

By this time next week, Haughey will probably have won an outright majority in the 166-seat Dail (parliament) over an exhausted Fine Gael-Labour coalition. If he fails to reach the necessary total, the Progressive Democrats, with around a dozen seats, may well be able to deny him power. A Progressive Democrat-Fine Gael coalition is much more likely than any alliance between O'Malley and Haughey.

O'Malley certainly doesn't *look* like a radical force. Soberly dressed, with dark wavy hair and a Dunhill usually tucked between his fingers, he appears to be the product of a conventional political upbringing – as indeed he is. He was born into a professional family in the eastern city of Limerick; he was also born into Fianna Fail. The leading party figures of the day were in and out of the house. His uncle Donogh held a local seat and a junior ministry.

Donogh died suddenly in 1968. Two people were approached to fill the candidacy in Limerick East: his widow and his nephew. The widow passed up the offer and young Dessie succeeded. He is in no danger of losing the seat this time in a place where he has maintained the family home with his wife Pat and their six children.

He rose quickly, allying himself with the wing of the party which supported the new leader, Jack Lynch. Much of Irish politics, then as now, was a competition to demonstrate the best republican credentials. But although O'Malley's grandfather had been shot by the Black and Tans in 1921, he shied away from the indefinite political exploitation of the emotions of the past.

He served as Justice Minister and at Commerce and Industry, and he enjoyed, in common with the rest of the country, the rocketing economic growth of the 1950s and 60s and the last boom in the late 1970s. By the 1980s he was out of sympathy with his party in advocating tougher measures for an economy which is now perhaps the sickest in Europe, and liberalization of laws on divorce, contraception and abortion. He was also at odds with Haughey over the latter's autocratic style of party management.

Haughey's reign has been punctuated by a continuous whispering campaign against his leadership. There were three challenges inside the parliamentary party, the last in early 1983, and they all collapsed. O'Malley, who had been the focus of these failed coups, then clashed with Haughey over the approach to the New Ireland Forum (O'Malley preferring a more conciliatory approach to Northern Unionists). After a row over the relaxation of the contraception laws, Haughey successfully expelled him from the party. After a months of reflection, and encouraged by the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement, O'Malley announced the new party.

A handful of leading figures from both the major parties wasted no time in joining, and the opinion polls promptly gave the Progressive Democrats 25 per cent of the vote. In the current campaign, the PDs are still taking 15 per cent despite the disadvantage of a small and amateurish organization on the ground.

Their manifesto has suggested cutting both taxes and public expenditure. They favour more privatization of state assets and industries than any of the other parties. Classic liberal economics are mixed with a left-of-centre social programme and PD policy on the North supports the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

In this election Haughey's Fianna Fail has fought a well-judged campaign, maximising party loyalties and promising an enticing combination of social and cultural conservatism and the fruits of economic growth. Voters, watching emigration and unemployment rise in spite of stabilizing inflation and government debt, stand ready to punish the Fine Gael government.

But beneath this round of electoral and economic musical chairs, larger forces are building. And O'Malley's philosophy seems more suited to these long-term shifts. The deteriorating economy means that there is bound to be a long period of painful recovery under governments which can make the republic work within the international economy. In spite of the current conservatism, inexorable forces will bring about changes in laws still dominated by the Roman Catholic Church.

A third of the country's population is under 18, and this group will pay less and less attention to arguments over the partition of the island and more to the shortage of jobs. There is a running debate inside the political class over whether the country is really governable any longer and over what institutional changes are required to sort it out. For all the prosaic detail of the PD manifesto commitment, O'Malley appears to be looking ahead to a more modern and plural Ireland.

He clearly believes that there is a gap opening between politicians who are looking backwards and a population which is facing forwards. He would not be the first politician to think this but he would be the first to succeed in making a permanent political success of such philosophies.

To the author of the first campaign biography of him to appear so far, he defined the challenge like this: "My definition of political integrity includes the requirement to adapt politically to new situations.

"Much has changed in this country throughout my tenure in active politics. The age profile of the population is very different; the general level of education is much higher than it was 20 years ago; we are much more exposed to a variety of outside pressures, social, economic and political. Irish people are now better able and have the means to articulate their needs and concerns. Regrettably, we politicians do not listen often enough or closely enough to what our electorates are telling us."

He is enjoying the adrenalin surge of a political campaign without many restrictions on his own freedom of thought or speech. That seemed to be the only explanation for his unusually cheerful behaviour in the television studios.

George Brock



Middle man: O'Malley's party could hold the balance of power next week

BIOGRAPHY

1939: Born Limerick
1965: Takes over father's solicitors' practice
1968: Elected to Dail for Fianna Fail
1969: Parliamentary Secretary to Fianna Fail leader, Jack Lynch
1970-73: Minister of Justice
1977-81: Minister of Commerce and Industry
1982: Resigns from Cabinet
1983: Haughey survives third leadership challenge
1985: O'Malley expelled from Fianna Fail. PD is launched.

Call of the wild

There must be better ways of spending Valentine's day than skidding around in the mud, but skills behind the wheel could help turn dreams of adventure into reality.

Tyres will squeal on Salisbury Plain this weekend as three dozen men and women put four-wheeled vehicles through their paces. The Land Rover driver-training course may save them from getting stuck in river beds or desert sand in some far-flung terrain.

Cheaper air fares and the expansion of specialized packaged holidays have meant that off-the-beaten track expeditions are no longer restricted to professional explorers. The course, organized by the Expedition Advisory Centre (EAC) under the aegis of the Royal Geographical Society, helps at least 400 expeditions a year – from schoolboys crossing Greenland to individuals trekking through Africa.

"Exploration is no longer elitist," says Nigel Winser, of the EAS. "Once you've touched a sand desert it comes alive; if you spend 40 days there you'll want to come back – it makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up."

Winser and his wife Shane courted, appropriately, on an expedition in the Sarawak rain forests a decade ago. They jointly edit an annual *Expedition Planners' Handbook and Directory* – a voyagers' bible which contains everything from guidance on avoiding snake bites to travelling on a shoe string.

In May the first independent travellers symposium will be held in London. Rupert Grey is the chairman – a family man for all continents. "I've expedition plans for the next 15 years, with Jan and my three daughters," he says. A libel lawyer, Grey says that two months away each year keep him going.

Dr Jane Wilson, a GP and an enthusiastic traveller, echoes his sentiments. "Inside crocodile caves in Madagascar, for example, we found a new species of blind fish, entirely white and gently chomping around looking for food," she enthuses. "We brought them back to the Natural History Museum in containers in the bottom of our rucksacks."

Ann Hills

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Hanoi comes home

With eight Oscar nominations for *Platoon*, other film-makers are turning back to Vietnam

Lionel Chetwynd grew accustomed to the ridicule. Every time he showed up at a Hollywood party somebody would shout at him: "Hey, Lionel, are you still trying to peddle that Hanoi Hilton business? What do you want to make a picture about those fascists for?"

"It was useless to tell them: 'They're not fascists. They're very ordinary people like you and me'," says London-born Chetwynd, a writer-director responsible for films like *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* and a slew of television films. It took 10 years, but Chetwynd is finally making his point. His film, starring Michael Moriarty, Paul Le Mat and David Soul, about the American POWs kept in captivity for eight years in a barracks in the centre of Vietnam's capital, which they wryly dubbed "The Hanoi Hilton", is being filmed at the moment in and around Los Angeles – one of three films being made on the Vietnam war, a subject once regarded as poison in Hollywood.

It is, Chetwynd says, exactly what he hoped it would be: a tribute to the men who fought that most unpopular of all wars without being in any way a glorification of that war. "This is beyond Rambo," he says. "We hope this will begin an intelligent series of films about that enormously important experience."

Oliver Stone, surely the only Hollywood writer-director to have won both an Oscar (for his terrifying script for *Midnight Express*) and a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his combat service in Vietnam, also took 10 years to tell his story of that war in writing his first version of the screenplay that became the movie *Platoon*. The film won eight Oscar nominations yesterday and is widely tipped to pick up the best-film and best-director awards.



Grunt training: Tom Berenger, one of the stars of *Platoon*

"It was too harsh to look at the war," says Stone, who also directed the powerful film about South America, *Salvador*. "It was rejected everywhere."

A brutally savage, bloody film, *Platoon* was filmed in the Philippines under Vietnam-like conditions with a team of young actors who were subjected to real-life "grunt" training for 13 days in the jungle to give them a taste of combat conditions – sleeping in foxholes they dug by hand, eating cold K-rations in 100-degree temperatures and drenching humidity.

Platoon has already been called "the best war movie an American has made in nearly 30 years". Yet Stone's ambitions for the film were modest: "I wanted to explore the everyday realities of what it was like to be a 19-year-old boy in the bush for the first time. The story is based on experiences I had over there in three different combat units and on the characters of people I knew during the war."

"I went over there as an officer to fight for my country," says Stone, a prep school boy who dropped out of Yale after one year. "Most of the 'grunts' were from working-class homes, but they were the only people there, it seemed to me. The college boys were all given deferments. I was very disillusioned by that."

A third Vietnam film, *Hamburger Hill*, based on an actual battle in which American troops took heavy losses, is being shot in the Philippines, and, even in Europe, Vietnam is currently a hot topic. British-based Stanley Kubrick, who directed probably one of the greatest anti-war movies of all time, *Paths of Glory*, will release later this year *Full Metal Jacket*, about the South-East Asian experience.

In it he traces the life of Private Joker, played by Matthew Modine, from Marine Corps recruitment to the battlefront Tet offensive of 1968. Kubrick likes to keep the wraps on his movies and this one is no exception. With little fanfare he has taken over an industrial section of London, imported scores of palm trees and is shooting his South Asian saga in Britain. Vietnam, it seems, is a subject whose time has come.

Ivor Davis

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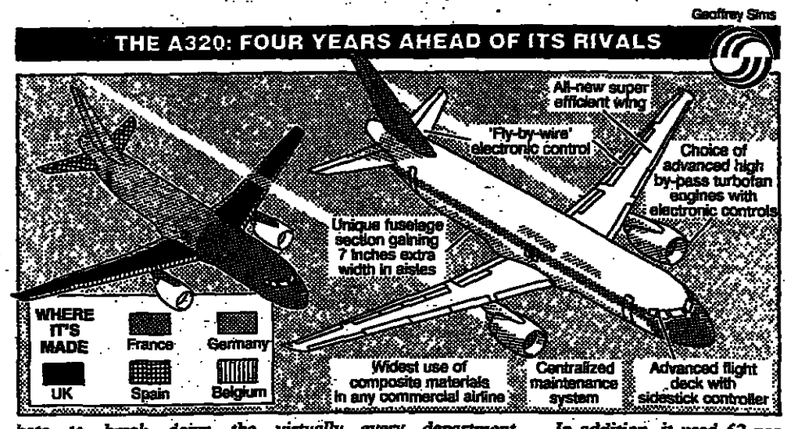
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The 'disastrous' A320 Airbus now has more advance orders than any plane ever built

Geoffrey Sims



It is not every day that the Royal Family agrees to give its official blessing to a new product, least of all when the launch takes place in France. On Saturday, however, the Prince and Princess of Wales will fly to Toulouse and "roll out" officially the Airbus A320 passenger jet.

Their presence crowns a venture that was seen only a few years ago as a potential disaster – a joint project involving companies all over Europe in designing and building parts of an aircraft to challenge American giants such as Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

But today the sceptics who said it could never work, that it would be impossible to sell such a hybrid, that governments asked to put up money would lose their shirts, that the American giants would crush the project – all have been proved wrong. Already more pre-production orders and options have been placed for the A320 than for any other aircraft ever built.

The success of the sales teams has already guaranteed that not only will the British Government recover the £250 million it put up to help British Aerospace design and build the wings, but it will also receive a massive return on its investment, continuing into the next century.

Visionaries of the early 1960s knew that the only way the Americans could be denied a virtual monopoly of world airliner sales was for the fiercely nationalistic European aerospace industries to pool their resources and produce just one, highly-advanced passenger jet. But it took many years of agonizing inter-governmental discussions and often-bitter debate to break down the barriers.

At first it seemed that Britain and France, flushed with their success over Concorde, would form a joint team. Britain pulled out, however, allowing the Germans to enter a deal with the French, and it was not until 1979, some 14 years after the first talks on finding a European replacement for aircraft like the BAC 1-11 and the French Caravelle, that British Aerospace rejoined the consortium and took a 20 per cent share in Airbus Industrie.

Its first two projects, the A300 and the A310, were successful without really achieving the breakthrough predicted by backers, but when the consortium spotted the gap in the market for a really fuel-efficient, quiet, ultra-modern aircraft capable of flying between 150 and 200 passengers around 2,500 miles, the A320 suddenly "took off".

Typical of the reaction from the airlines was that of British Caledonian, now the launch customer for the A320, who had been looking for something to replace its ageing and noisy fleet of BAC 1-11s. "We were amazed when we first saw a presentation of the A320 at just how advanced the aircraft is," said the airline's planning director, John Prothero Thomas. "And when we studied the performance in detail later, it came out top in virtually every department compared with its rivals."

One big advantage for the passenger was the extra width down the central aisle. No more would boarding be held up by the irritating passenger in the first row who blocked the aisle while putting his luggage slowly into the overhead racks. An additional seven inches has been coaxed from the fuselage width, enough to allow boarding passengers to walk past even the most difficult luggage-stower, not to mention the in-flight service trolley.

Everything the pilot needs to know is displayed on six screens

A cargo hold, capable of being filled direct from containers, gave, for the first time, long-haul speed in loading baggage into medium-range jets. Reliable components, proved in the two previous versions, meant that the aircraft could not only be used more efficiently, but could also be worked much harder and needed far less maintenance. And it was almost as quiet as the quietest jet yet built, the BAe 146.

In addition, it used 62 per cent less fuel than the present Boeing 727-200, was up to 30 per cent cheaper to operate with a full load than the airline's existing fleet of 1-11s, could fly to all the holiday destinations in Europe easily, was flexible and was four years ahead of anything any rival could produce.

The final clinching argument came in the generous financial package Airbus was prepared to offer the airline to buy the jets. In order to enable BCAL to retain its existing fleet of 1-11s, Airbus agreed to let the company sell the 1-11s and lease them back. The cash raised could then be used to "hush kit" their engines and completely refurbish their interiors – and because BCAL was a launch customer the sale price was unbelievably good.

BCAL went ahead and ordered seven, with three more options, in a deal worth £150 million. The really big news came at the end of last year, however, when the giant American carrier Northwest decided to buy 100 of the jets. The A320 had grabbed a major slice of the American market from under the noses of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. Now 437 have been ordered from airlines around the world – and the first aircraft does not even fly until next month.

When pilots climb into the flight deck, they will find it different from any they have known. Instead of the conventional control column between their knees, they will have a simple "video game" control on the side of the flight deck, giving them an uninterrupted view of the instruments. These have been redesigned to do away with the dozens of rotating dials that now clutter the instrument panel. Instead there are just six screens on which every item of information they may need is displayed simply and in vivid colour. In addition, the powerful computers that control the aircraft from take-off to touchdown make the pilot largely redundant, his job simply to monitor rather than to fly in the traditional sense.

Those who saw an A300, fitted with the same controls as the A320s, fly at the Farnborough Air Show last year were amazed at the slow pass made by the huge aircraft: any other jet would have stalled and crashed at that kind of speed and altitude. But the jet was being controlled by the revolutionary "fly by wire" technique, in which all the cables that normally move the control surfaces manually in response to the pilot's movements have been replaced by electronic impulses, controlled by the aircraft's computers. Not only is this safer, but it also enables the aircraft to be flown far closer to its tolerance levels than any before it.

The jet contains large amounts of carbon fibre composite materials, making it lighter and cheaper, and, although on the outside it looks little different from a conventional aeroplane, it represents a huge leap forward in the kind of technology reserved until now for military aircraft.

"It is only once in a lifetime that you are given the chance to buy an aircraft that puts you not one, but four, years ahead of your competitors," Prothero Thomas said. "This is a stunning machine that deserves to succeed."

Airbus think so as well.

Harvey Elliott

Life as a fragment of my death

Today we introduce a new weekly page dealing with every aspect of health. Brigid Brophy launches it with an account of how, in bizarre circumstances five years ago, the degenerative and mysterious disease of multiple sclerosis assaulted her life

Towards the end of November 1982, I left Michael Levey, my husband, who is a gifted cook, to his own vegetarian supper and the completion of an article he was writing. In the dark I set out from our flat in South Kensington, found a cab, and had myself taken to north London, there to visit Elizabeth Jane Howard in her newly-acquired house. Jane and I walked round to the main road, where she had chosen an Italian restaurant for our dinner, because that would not impose it on Jane but would without fuss cater for my veganism.

It was already lateish, by the standards I observed, on a sharply but handsomely cold night. In minor anxiety I silently bade myself make no delay after dinner about seeking a cab for my return. Michael could not keep late hours because he went off early on weekday mornings, and I had never mastered the skill of sliding into our flat and bed without disturbing him.

At dinner Jane and I talked happily: about the Writers' Guild, our trade union, on whose elected council we have both served, and initiated our departure.

There a barrier bisects my memory.

In the next scene to enter my awareness, Jane was absent and Michael present. I questioned him and he replied that he had urged her home because it was beyond two in the morning.

While we held that conversation, I was lying on a trolley in the casualty department of University College Hospital. It was evident that something had not unspectacularly falsified my hopes of not disturbing Michael, but I had no idea what.

A doctor arrived and told me that my skull had been X-rayed and shewn to be intact, that he was about to stitch up the gashes, of which I had been until then unaware, in my face, and that I could eventually seek the removal of the stitches from my usual local doctor.

Michael managed to summon a hired car by telephone and to persuade the doctor at the hospital to let him take me home in it. My first action during the next 10 days was to thank and apologize to Jane.

By rehearsing in my mind the events of that day I discovered that I had detailed and continuous memory up to the point where Jane and I were on the verge of quitting the restaurant. I deduced that the bulk of my blacked-out interval represented time when I was unconscious but that a section of it was the product of restrospective amnesia, which had crept backwards from whatever the event was that had induced it.

Forgivingly, Jane offered, when I telephoned her, to relate to me what she knew of the incident I could not remember.

Leaving the restaurant, we decided on the most likely place for a cab and set off to walk there.

Before we had walked far I suddenly and without explanation detached myself from Jane's company and ran "very fast" across the road, which was virtually empty of traffic. When I reached the curb at the opposite side I must, Jane considered, have tripped. I fell down and lay unmoving. "I thought you were dead," she told me, but when she crossed to me she found me no more than unconscious and bloodied.

Jane managed to attract the attention of a policeman, which cannot have been easy at that empty time of night. He walkie-talkied for an ambulance while Jane returned to the restaurant we had just left, whence she telephoned Michael.

Jane then argued her way into the ambulance with me and sat inside it holding my hand. When the ambulance divulged, by arriving there, which hospital it had taken us to, she again telephoned Michael and told him where to come.

In that narrative the items that impressed me most but least surprised me were those that incarnated Jane's efficiency and the imaginative quality of her kindness.

I think that, on a night virtually empty of traffic noise, my ear, which has the acuteness acquired by a nondriver much dependent on cabs, heard the distinct diesel sound of the motor of a London taxicab somewhere in the distance behind us. I left Jane abruptly, I think, in a resolution to secure the cab first and make my explanations and farewells afterwards.

I was curiously shaken by an inability of a kind I had never encountered before

What happened when my run took me to the opposite side of the road I could not even conjecture, and seven months passed before I became able to.

Early in June of 1985 Michael and I dined with Francis King.

My enjoyment of Francis's dinner party veiled for a time a minor episode I experienced on Michael's and my way there.

The taxi from our part of Kensington to his left us at a key crossroads. While Michael stood paying the driver, I strolled the couple of intervening paces to the pavement, where I intended to wait for Michael. When I reached the curb I found it impossible to raise my foot in order to step up.

I waited, deliberately relaxing my muscles, and then stepped onto the pavement without trouble.



Jerry Bauer

Brigid Brophy: "The curse is that I must ask for the service of people I love"

I was, however, curiously shaken by an inability of a kind I had never encountered before. On the inner side of the pavement, conveniently just in front of me and conveniently low, there was the wall of someone's front garden. I sat on it for a minute.

The pleasure of the dinner party, plus work to be done, hid the significance of the episode from both of us for some days. Then I recognized that I had felt shaken because I had, in fact, experienced something of the kind before, although I could not remember doing so: on the evening I happily spent with Elizabeth Jane Howard.

Within a few days the episode on our way to Francis's was repeated.

My doctor, whom I invoked, sent me to a local hospital.

My perilously halting gait made me go no further alone than to our local shops, and squeamishness beset me in relation to hospitals. I was, on all my visits to outpatients, at each of which I was given an appointment for the next, accompanied either by Michael, when he could make time free from his directorship of the National Gallery, or, which happened more often, by Shena Mackay. Her company was freely and affectionately accorded, even though she fulfils many responsibilities, including those to her three daughters.

It was, all the same, a philistine use to which I put the finest architect of literary baroque, funny and tragic, and the most Firbankian master of surrealism now extant in the English language.

I cannot excuse myself except by need of, precisely, her gifts. Only a great baroque imagination could make acceptable to me the comic and tragic occasions paraded while we waited. The abrasions the system inflicted on my rationality could be balmed and surmounted only by the gift of a great surrealist.

In February 1984, the Writers' Guild gave a party where the minister for the arts, who was then Lord Gowrie, was to present to some writers selected by the two trade unions their first cheques for PLR (Public Lending Right). Leaning on my umbrella, I managed to advance to receive the first and to say the two public sentences needed.

To friendly enquiries at the Guild party I answered what the hospital had told me, that I was on my way to recovery. My belief in that prognosis could not much longer hide from me that the stutter in my movements was becoming worse.

In March I went, again in Shena Mackay's company, to the outpatients' clinic. I explained to the doctors that I was having increasing difficulty in walking.

"This has been going on a long time. You've lost the habit of walking. You must practise walking."

When the taxi that took Shena and me from the hospital left us outside the house where Michael and I live, I said to her: "The doctors say I must practise walking. Will you come with me to do some food shopping at the shops on the other side of the road?"

She did. Shena carrying my shopping, we crossed back to my home.

By heaving on the railings, I mounted the outside steps. Shena took my key and opened the communal front door. Pressing on my umbrella, I mounted onto the final step of the portico and went into the building. I sank onto my hands and knees. Shena, hung about with my shopping bags, could not raise me. I crawled on all fours through the communal hall, wondering whether the occupant of some other flat would at that moment come down the staircase or, having begun to do so, would retreat thinking, "There's that eccentric Lady Levey crawling across the hall.

A better read patient would, I dare say, have guessed what tentative diagnosis the hospital tests I subsequently underwent were designed to confirm or deny.

I was told that I had multiple sclerosis: or, rather, that the result of all the tests thoroughly conformed with my having it — a presumably legalistic formula that reminded me of my sending down. My college wrote during a vacation to say not that I had been sent down but that I should be if I attempted to return to Oxford when the new term began.

The remnants of my ancient Greek told me that sclerosis was a thickening. I did not realise that the thickening in question is of the very nerves. Neither did I know that the cause of the disease is one of the puzzles of medicine.

The chief curse of the illness is that I must ask constant service of the people I love most closely. Sporadically it is, in its manifestations, a disgusting disease. Also sporadically, it has another anti-social result, wrapping one suddenly in an inexorable fatigue like a magic cloak of invisibility. Its sporadicness destroys the empiricism by which normal people proceed without noticing they are doing so. The fact that yesterday I sat on the edge of the bed and managed to open the drawer that faced me argues nothing about my chances of doing the same today.

It is an illness that inflicts awareness of loss

It is an illness that inflicts awareness of loss. The knowledge that I shall never be in Italy again is sometimes a heaviness about me like an unbearable medallion that bends my neck.

Yet the past is, except through memory and imagination, irrecoverable in any case, whether or not your legs are strong enough to sprint after it. All that has happened to me is that I have in part died in advance of the total event.

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The colour of allergies

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Allergy to certain foods is common; skin rashes induced by milk or fish, wheezing or rhinitis (a runny nose) by wines (often claret or Chianti), and intestinal intolerance to gluten in wheat, are among the problems dealt with in the surgery. But when either the allergy or intolerance is alleged to cause personality and behavioural disorders, doctors have to look at the evidence more carefully to decide if parents, or patients, are blaming the coloured breadcrumbs around the fish-fingers for their own faulty genes or bad upbringing. Carefully controlled experiments are needed to detect food sensitivity, which are time-consuming and should preferably be carried out in units where the staff have no financial interest in the result.

There are over 3,500 different food additives used in the manufacture of modern processed food; but the most frequently blamed for causing trouble are the tartrazine or benzoic acid-related colouring agents; in susceptible patients these have been shown to cause hot flushes, palpitations, rashes, nausea, weakness and blurred vision. Some experts believe that one in 10,000 patients are affected by tartrazine and others suggest that 5 per cent of patients who suffer from allergies have their condition made worse by it; all would agree that when a child has suffered sleepless nights through wheezing, or a baby has scratched itself raw during an attack of eczema, everything has to be considered and the larder shelves should be cleared of tartrazine coloured drinks and processed foods, at the same time as the feather pillow is banished to the spare room and the cat or dog to the outhouse.

However, faulty diagnosis of food allergies can lead to children being deprived of important constituents of their diet; a team from Guy's Hospital, monitored by the Consumer Association, recently tested five laboratories working with private allergy clinics. They all failed to diagnose known cases of fish allergy.

Those patients who have been shown to have an allergy to food additives could not do better than to follow the recipes in *Take the E out of Eating*, by Felicity Jackson, a cookery book published by Windward at £6.95; or they can plan their own menu having consulted *E for Additives* by Hansen and Marsden, published by Thorsons at £2.95.

Sleep loss

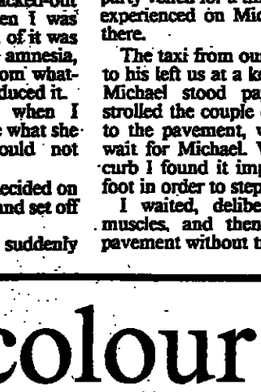
Stressed patients everywhere will have sympathized with Sir Michael Havers when he said last week that sleeplessness was his problem. Insomnia is a presenting symptom in both anxiety states and depression.

Both can be induced by long hours and tension at work and exacerbated by ill health, but the pattern of sleeplessness varies according to the personality.

The depressed patient tends to go to bed and fall asleep immediately, only to wake between 2 and 5 in the morning to ruminate on the problems of the day. Sleep comes just when the patient is due to get up, so that another day starts with feelings of tiredness.

The anxious patient goes to bed, but tosses and turns as he makes plans and counterplans to solve his problem; eventually when sleep does come in the early hours, it is fitful and dream-ridden so that the patient wakes the next day feeling unrested.

Treatment is available for both patterns of insomnia; it is of little use treating the depressed patient with sleeping pills and may even be counter-productive: he or she will probably need antidepressants. The anxious patient can be helped by a short course of hypnotics — carefully prescribed.



No rest: Sir Michael Havers

Patients who hope to treat themselves with a strong nightcap can make the situation worse; after a short alcohol-induced sleep they tend to wake in the early hours.

Only Sir Michael Havers, his family and his doctor will know which pattern he has, but as he is a highly conscientious, sensitive and yet ambitious man he is an obvious candidate to suffer stress from the hurly-burly of politics and the strain of public life.

Salt talk

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A high level of potassium in the diet, whether from potassium-rich foods such as fruit and vegetables, or in the form of potassium table salt may protect patients from a stroke without lowering their blood pressure, according to a report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr Kay Tee Khaw of Cambridge University and Dr Elizabeth Barrett-Connor of the University of California.

The association between the use of common sodium salt in cooking and cardiovascular disease is not as straightforward as was once supposed; in view of this, hypertensive patients are now advised to carry out a trial of a low salt intake before permanently altering their diet, for only in some cases will there be an associated fall in blood pressure.

Potassium salt is usually recommended as a substitute for common salt in patients whose blood pressure is salt-sensitive.

There is evidence that a high intake of potassium is associated with low blood pressure. In a 12-year study, Dr Khaw and Dr Barrett-Connor examined the relationship between strokes and potassium intake in 859 men and women aged between 50 and 79.

Independent of other risk factors, such as age, sex, blood pressure, obesity, smoking and blood cholesterol, those patients with a high intake of potassium-rich foods had 40 per cent fewer strokes.

In her bones

Many women athletes accept the loss of their periods as the price they pay for competing in their chosen sport, and assume that when they change their lifestyle their physiology will return to normal. A recent report from three doctors in Boston suggests that young women athletes who exercise to the point where their periods are inhibited may permanently damage their bone structure. The mineral content, and hence density, of bones was lower in the group who didn't menstruate due to a decrease of gonadotrophin secretion and a resulting oestrogen deficiency. The athletes develop a form of adolescent osteoporosis; moderate exercise, however, protects both men and women from osteoporosis.

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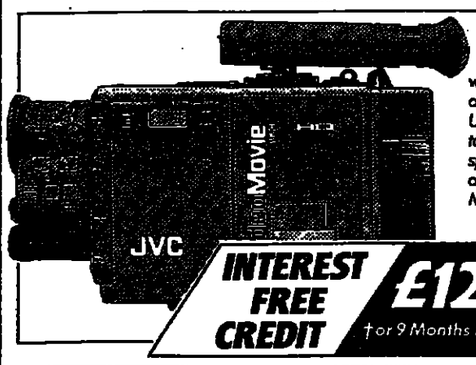
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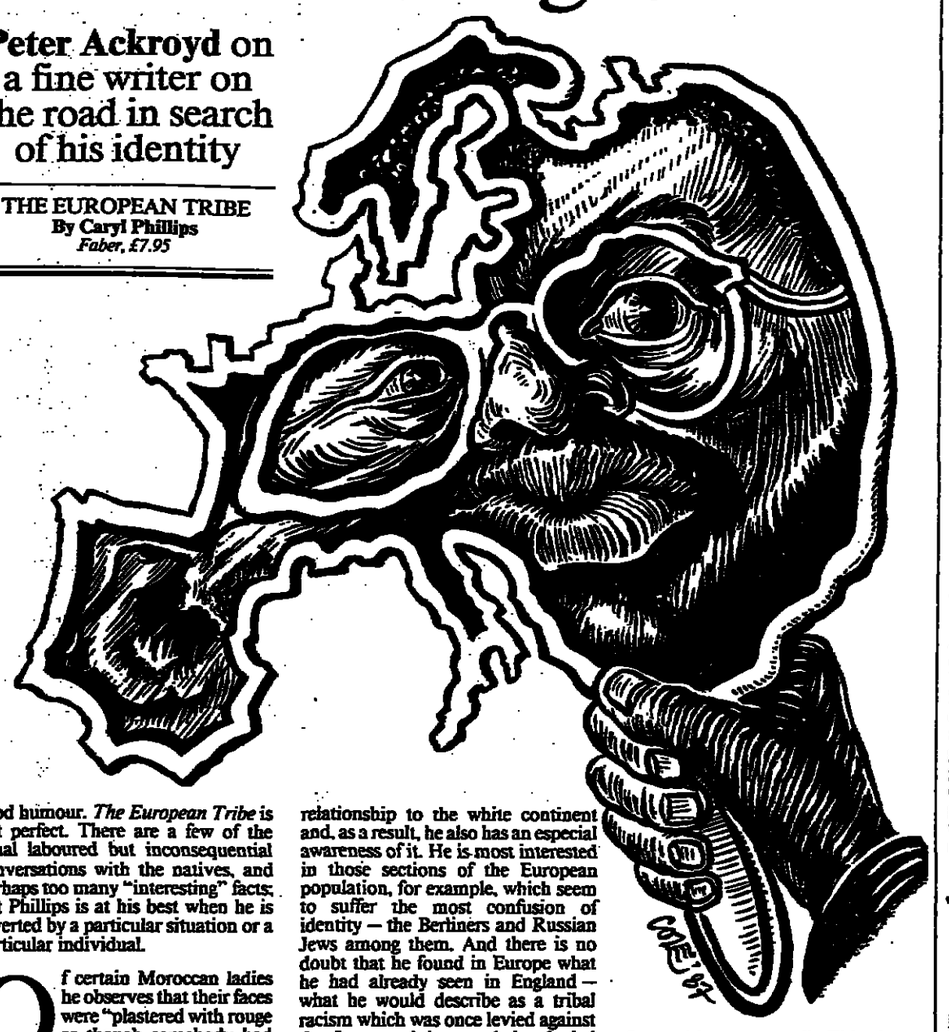
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BOOKS

Travels of a black Englishman

Peter Ackroyd on a fine writer on the road in search of his identity

THE EUROPEAN TRIBE
By Caryl Phillips
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In his most recent novel Caryl Phillips describes the plight of a West Indian who, after many years in England, returns to his old island. "Go back to where you come from," one of his erstwhile compatriots tells him. He no longer belongs there, because "you let the English man fuck up your head." Mr Phillips himself was born in St Kitts in 1958, but in that same year he was brought to England. So where does he belong? This is the question which disturbs him and, in the introduction to this engaging travelogue, he describes how in the Seventies – before he became a writer – he was bewildered by his own "lack of a coherent sense of identity". While he was studying at Oxford he would take the train to London and hang around the black areas of Brixton or Ladbroke Grove; but even here he seems to have been just an observer. He was never really at home anywhere.

And so he has gone travelling. Tired of discrimination in England, and perplexed by the precise nature of that white race which, as a character in one of his plays puts it, "is like a storm of rain trying to wash us away", he visited several European countries to understand the tribe that inhabits them. But he is a high-spirited explorer, not one likely to be too greatly weighed down by the seriousness of his quest, and he is often very funny about the horrors of travelling anywhere. Although he had a fellow-feeling with Nigerian students at Oxford, for example, the fist sight of Africa appals him – "The flies were a constant menace, potential illness was a pressing concern," and the kasbah (for he is in Casablanca) was like "the inner circle of hell". In fact throughout this book Phillips is so beset by emergencies and so troubled by foreigners that there are times when he might have stepped straight out of the pages of Jerome K. Jerome. Perhaps this is a clue to what I assume to be his essential and ineradicable Englishness.

Of course there are some travel writers whose prose is an extended version of *esprit d'escalier*, as they carefully describe all the impressions which they never had at the time. That is why many novelists take so easily to travelogue: they hardly need to change trains. But this is not true of Phillips: he is a transparently clear and genuinely honest writer, painful though that honesty may be on certain occasions (there is a very interesting encounter with James Baldwin, which he records). And since travel books always tell one more about the traveller than about the places he chooses to visit, the picture of the author that emerges here is of a lonely, easily embarrassed man, but one full of vivacity and good humour. *The European Tribe* is not perfect. There are a few of the usual laboured but inconsequential conversations with the natives, and perhaps too many "interesting" facts; but Phillips is at his best when he is diverted by a particular situation or a particular individual.

Of certain Moroccan ladies he observes that their faces were "plastered with rouge as though somebody had slapped them", and he is at his funniest when he visits a place that he really hates. In some countries he seems to have spent a very short time indeed, and there are moments when he is the quintessential anxious traveller, desperate to pack his bags almost as soon as he has arrived. Norway and Russia are not among his favourite nations, while along the Mediterranean he seems particularly upset by the nudist beaches.

But there is another aspect to this quest; in a sense he is on a pilgrimage, a pilgrimage towards himself, each country being the strip of litmus paper on which he can measure his own responses. So he has an especial relationship to the white continent and, as a result, he also has an especial awareness of it. He is most interested in those sections of the European population, for example, which seem to suffer the most confusion of identity – the Berliners and Russian Jews among them. And there is no doubt that he found in Europe what he had already seen in England – what he would describe as a tribal racism which was once levied against the Jews, and is now being levied against the blacks themselves. As a result he believes that "right wing extremism is on the rise again all over Europe." This may or may not be true, but there is no doubt that his perception springs from genuine resentment and equally genuine anxiety. We need not treat this book as a travelogue at all, but rather as a testament of one man's struggle against an enemy most of us are content not to see. "It is neither healthy nor desirable," he writes, "to spend one's whole European life aware of 'colour', and I have yet to meet a single black person who enjoys it; but the curiously warped logic of the European continually attempts to force this upon us." This is as eloquent as anything in Ellison, Wright, or Baldwin; and it is good to know that Phillips' voice is emerging powerfully in English writing.

But does he now think of himself as English, after his journey across Europe? Has he discovered anything more about his own identity? Probably not. Perhaps it is not that important in any case – many white writers lack a sense of identity, after all, which is why they became writers in the first place. Perhaps it represents one of those puzzles that can never, and will never, be solved. The fact that it *is* insoluble, however, makes this not only an engaging book but also a moving one.

Papa's writer's block

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

THE GARDEN OF EDEN
By Ernest Hemingway
Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

THE LOST LANGUAGE OF CRANES
By David Leavitt
Viking, £10.95

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BARLY BEACH
By Sylvia Murphy
Gollancz, £9.95

It is unlikely that this unfinished novel will much affect our assessment of Hemingway's greatness; but it is none the less intriguing. It is not an undiscovered "last work": Hemingway began work on it in 1946, and was still working on it in 1961; and, though we are given few clues to where there have been cuts, they have been substantial. Biographers will take particular interest in passages that appear to relate to Hemingway's marriage with Mary, or fantasies of bisexuality and narcissism. As a novel, it is often flawed by passages that appear to parody Hemingway's simple syntax. And yet is is a moving book.

It is not a masterpiece. For all the loss and pain suffered by the writer-hero at the hands of his mad, girl-wife Catherine, no one will be overpowered by the same grief felt at the death in childbirth (say) of an earlier Catherine in *A Farewell to Arms*. The writing about Africa, which is often very fine, is not equal to that of his short stories. *The Garden of Eden* moves from a record of the pleasures of good sex, sunshine, cold wine, and gazpacho, to a world of "devil tricks"; Catherine announces herself early as a destroyer, and declares her passion to enjoy David as if she were a boy. What David allows to happen then hurts him so deeply that his heart has begun to say "Goodbye Catherine, goodbye my lovely girl goodbye" before we enter chapter 2. I don't think it is prurient to wonder exactly what this felt emasculation might have entailed.

Catherine's jealousy of the hero's good reviews also comes early. She claims that she admires his writing too much to care if his reviews are good or not. David, with complete honesty knows that he would. Hemingway is at his best when David is trying to set down accurate memories of his father, or explaining how impossible it is to reconstruct lost work when it has reached the stage of completion. The plot of the book turns on Catherine's introduction of a second, younger girl forcibly into her marriage to David: but to my mind this is where the structure of the book weakens. It remains a very peculiar, haunting book, far more deeply involved in an analysis of male passivity than it is with lesbian passions.

David Leavitt is a young and extremely talented New Yorker, who has chosen to write about facing up to homosexual needs, without taking much time to consider the way a whole generation has been frozen into terror by AIDS. His novel deserves to be read with attention. And even if it is the father, who has repressed his own homosexual urges through a long marriage, whose plight we are invited to consider most deeply, Leavitt has some compassion for the wife, whose own sexual bewilderment is resolved so unhappily after 27 years. Perhaps the son's militant certainty that stable homosexual relationships (complete with adopted children) can be maintained happily is a little complacent. But at least it offers an alternative to the porno-movies, gay bars (or traditional English public lavatories) which otherwise fill the homosexual scene.

After so much intensity, Sylvia Murphy's gentle novel provides splendid, unpretentious comedy at the expense of pompous property developers. She gives a Thirkell-like blessing to the fishy-smelling woman, whose obstruction of court proceedings is so vigorous the usher looks up very doubtfully when asked to remove her. And we come to respect the heroine of the book for accepting the encroachments of middle age.

Dissident Czechmate

Barbara Day

VÁCLAV HAVEL or Living in Truth
Edited by Jan Vladislav
Faber, £15

In 1975 the Czech playwright Václav Havel wrote an open letter to President Gustáv Husák about the state of Czechoslovakia: "In a society which is really alive, there is always something happening. The interplay of current activities and events...produces a constant succession of unique situations which provoke further and fresh movement ... True enough, the country is calm. Calm as a morgue or a grave, would you not say?"

In the 50s, when the political situation barred Havel from higher education (and when Husák himself was in prison) Havel took a variety of different jobs. In the 60s he wrote three successful plays, said to belong to the "Czech Absurd", but which exposed the corrupt systems he observed to be operating in society.

His main concern was always the way in which people unthinkingly conformed with the rituals which perpetuated these systems. In his 1978 essay, "The Power of the Powerless", Havel used the recurring example of the greengrocer who automatically puts the slogan "Workers of the world, unite!" in his shop window, among the carrots and onions: what does it mean? Why does he do it? What would happen if he withdrew the slogan?

These two texts, together with four which Havel wrote in the 80s, are reprinted in *Václav Havel or Living in Truth*. When Havel's plays could no longer be officially performed in Czechoslovakia, his main means of communication became essay writing, distributed through the samizdat press.

The collection of essays shows not only Havel's developing thoughts, but also a changing society. In 1984 Havel reconsiders his earlier words, and rebels against the metaphor of the graveyard. He looks round at a society where, in spite of the efforts of bureaucracy, the boundary between "dissident" or "unofficial" culture is gradually being eroded, where people are communicating through "tens of typewritten magazines, private or semi-official exhibitions, seminars, concerts and other events," as well as filling the theatres and queuing outside bookshops: "This irrepressible cultural hunger of the community's living organism, or perhaps of



Struggle as a writer

The book is published to celebrate the award of the 1986 Erasmus Prize to Havel, and concludes with 16 short essays in his honour. This part is unsatisfactory, in that the only unity is in the subject, and contrasts with the 1985 Hutchinson publication which juxtaposes "The Power of the Powerless" with essays by ten other members of the "parallel culture", written in response to Havel's essay. Some of the laudatory essays in *Living in Truth* are peripheral and some are anecdotal. Others are simultaneously valuable and frustrating, such as Heinrich Böll's "Courtesy towards God": Böll's 1984 review of Havel's *Letters to Olga*, which is not yet published in English.

The letters, written during Havel's imprisonment for criminal subversion, bridge the six-year gap between "The Power of the Powerless" and the 1984 "Politics and Conscience". Havel recently described how he spent the rigorous prison week preparing himself for these short letters, subject to intense censorship. Within their limitations he explored his attitudes towards his past life and experiences, and his relationship to the world around him. They should be published in English.

Our men in the jungle

Paul Pickering

TRESPASSERS ON THE AMAZON
By John Ure
Constable £10.95

An ambassador I know who is obsessively interested in fish once interrupted negotiations with Communist guerrillas to catch and pickle a gigantic eel and send it back to England. No one was in the least bit surprised. If you have a time-consuming hobby, be it collecting prams or painting delicate watercolours of the spider monkey's mating rituals, the British diplomatic service is ideal. With John Ure, currently our man in Rio, his passion is, "travelling uncomfortably in remote places and writing about it comfortably afterwards". So much thought and effort has gone into this book that one can only begin to guess at the state of Anglo-Brazilian relations in the meantime.

The work sets out to tell the at times exceedingly funny yarns of all the Anglo-Saxon Amazon explorers from Raleigh to Robin Hanbury-Tenison in a direct but elegant way which makes you feel you have been sitting next to them at an embassy dinner. In these hostile jungles, where the map was never pink, foreign adventurers have to watch their Ps and Qs. Indeed, so many of them appear to be effortlessly polite Old Etonians, one almost expects some of the tribes to have adopted wing collars and waistcoats. To the first Englishman, Anthony Knivet in 1591, it must have seemed like another planet especially when, "a great thing came out of the water with great scales on the backe, with great ugly clawes and a long tayle." His name is not familiar because Sir Walter Raleigh was much better at PR.

Raleigh was after El Dorado so that he could afford to buy a few more pearls to sew on his cloak. The best episode in the whole book is another search for the same place by the noted spiritualist, cricketer, and discoverer of the Ichtoid Curve, Colonel Percy Fawcett DSO. Here Ure has an unfailing eye for such detail as, "...the Englishman recruited in La Paz who lost his false teeth in a river and had to be sent home before he starved in consequence." Fawcett disappeared without trace.

While the author owes something to the delightful approach of Peter Fleming, he has much more respect for a part of the world he knows a good deal better. When Fleming met an alligator as Knivet had done he noted casually, "He was content to look malign and live on his reputation." Fleming loathed the school of explorer like the rotund Roosevelt to whom all water is "Precious Fluid" and any dusky persons without a shirt "Oncoming Savages". Ure steers an admirable course between entertainment and awe for a magnificent river and the Anglo-Saxons who messed about on it. One only hopes his day job hasn't suffered too much and we are not at war with Brazil.

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CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

THE JUNGLE BOOK
JUST SO STORIES
By Rudyard Kipling
Illustrated by Michael Foreman
Viking Kestrel. £8.95 and 7.95

In recent years the house of Macmillan has been thrashing about in its endeavours to maximize its gains from the Kipling copyrights. So far as children's books are concerned, efforts have centred on *The Jungle Books* and *Just So Stories*, with a great variety of chopped-up, excerpted, and re-illustrated editions tumbling from the press. Now that the iron gate of 1986 has shut behind them, and Kipling is any man's prey, the first new hunters have arrived. Viking Kestrel (who in 1983 were first off the mark with a prestige edition of Grahame's out-of-copyright *Wind in the Willows*) are seeking to repeat the operation on this new arrival in "the public domain".

With *The Jungle Book*, though they have taken on intractable material, for it seems to be one of those classics (*Treasure Island* is another) that are impossible to illustrate. The difficulty does not lie merely in the diversity of the stories – Mowgli jumbled in with white seals in the Bering Sea and with plain tales almost from the hills. It also lies in the insistent presence of Kipling himself, whose language crushes attempts at pictorial representation. Macmillan never solved the problem – their most recent choice, Maurice Wilson, could not effect any connection between animals and man. Michael Foreman, in the new book, is wonderfully versatile, and comes nearer than anyone to matching Kipling's prose; but his Mowgli is an unconvincing ingénu.

That stricture applies even more strongly to the companion *Just So Stories*. Macmillan tried vainly to convert these masterpieces into picture-books. To the despair of all rivals, Kipling himself gave the book its definitive illustrations; and beside his richly inventive pictures with their unforgettable captions ("The Jaguar's pet name with his Mummy was Doffles") Mr Foreman looks little more than flippant.

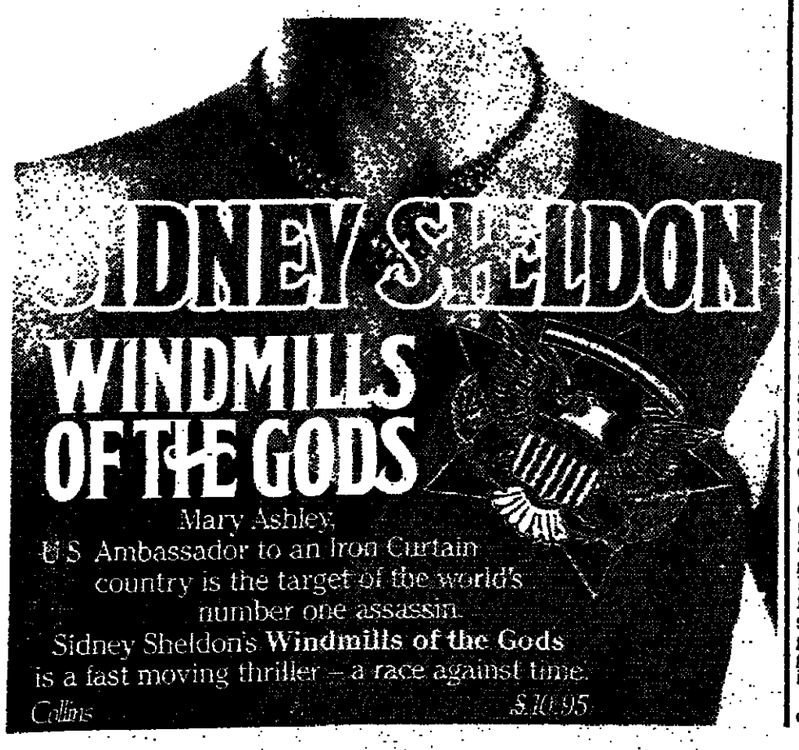
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Death as a spectator sport

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

VICTIM PRIME
By Robert Sheckley
Methuen, £9.95

It's only now he's with us once more that we realize he's been away: his already-published work stood in for his absence. Mr Sheckley, one of science fiction's most illustrious names, seems to have strayed the field for some time. This book marks a return which shows he is as deft, as spritely and – thankfully – as readable as ever.

The old dog is working with old tricks. The idea of mechanized gladiatorial contests-to-the-death as a future spectator sport has been used before. What the author brings to his story – of Harold Erdman as a new-world Spartacus journeying to a small Caribbean island to participate in lethal contests to acquire big money – is new zest and wit.

The earth is in a state of ecological collapse because of mankind's folly; animals aren't expendable in such games, but humans are. Harold's quest for fame and fortune is as much a mordant satire on the come-on-down, get-rich-quick mentality as a grieved comment on our wasting ways.

Robert Sheckley makes it all develop his way, with vitality allied to precision. It's good to have him back where he belongs.

● **Spider World: The Tower**, by Colin Wilson *(Grafton, £10.95)*. A generous first helping of saga-pudding, about the earth gone insectoid and we, the hunted, gone primeval. A telepathic hero treks to seek salvation after slavery, and finds a bit of it with the beetles. Brilliantly managed, skilfully executed.

● **The Lordly Ones**, by Keith Roberts *(Gollancz, £8.95)*. The title story in this luminous collection acquires an extraordinary momentum: the impact of mounting social disorder on a mentally retarded attendant at what he calls a Comofrt Station. A tour de force that alone is worth the price. But there are more surprises in store...Lordly, indeed, these stories.

● **Equal Rites**, by Terry Pratchett *(Gollancz, £9.95)*. Another Discworld misadventure from the rompingly comic Mr Pratchett, with a tale this time of the girl, Esk, inheriting the staff of wizardry, and learning the magical arts from Granny Weatherwax, who is now one of my favourite fantasy heroines. Very funny: and I loved the gnomic greeting in part of the book's dedication: "A big hallo to all the kids at the HP Lovecraft Holiday Fun Club."

● **The Best Science Fiction of Isaac Asimov** *(Grafton, £10.95)*. The good Dr A. admits what we have suspected: "I like my own work so much that it was with great difficulty that I left anything out at all." Oh, well, the choice he's made here is, I admit, rather marvellous, and the introductions are, as ever, endearingly chatty. Must be something to do with those engaging science fiction summer schools they have in the US.

THE TIMES DIARY

War game

The first feature film about the Falklands war will begin production this summer, I can reveal. The worrying news for Mrs Thatcher is that its scriptwriter and director is Stuart Urban, director of a controversial Channel 4 *Four Minutes* film, "Off to the Wars", which featured a spoof "Hot Spot Tours" travelogue to Beirut. A viewer's complaint after its showing in January was taken so seriously that it was featured on C4's *Right To Reply*. Urban's film is being financed by Cannon and is thus assured mass cinema distribution. He has already interviewed some 30 Falklands veterans, and Robert Lawrence, the injured soldier who is the subject of the yet to be shown BBC play *Tumbledown*, is acting as adviser. Urban says he has unearthed evidence of bayoneting and "savage hand-to-hand fighting". Apparently sanguine about the political implications in portraying the bloody cost of retaking the islands, he insists the film is simply about "men and war."

Currie's quota

When it comes to telling the nation what it should eat, there is none so keen as junior health minister Edwina Currie. Her enthusiasm, however, does not always stretch to opening ministerial coffers for the purpose. Yesterday she personally backed a new report from the British Cardiac Society on heart disease that recommends eating less fat, smoking less and exercising more. Mrs Currie, renowned for her comments on northern diets, even asked the society to supply her with copies to send to every MP. Unfortunately, the society has been told that the DHSS cannot afford the £600 to buy the reports from the charity, which must instead foot the bill for keeping our elected representatives in the know.

BBC news

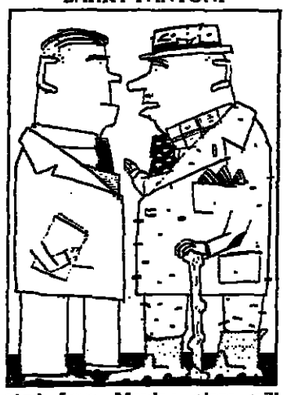
Among the hundred-odd applications for the BBC Director-General vacancy now being sifted, one, I understand, comes from Nigel Ryan, the former chief executive of ITN. Ryan's qualifications are not in dispute. He left ITN in 1977 to become vice-president of NBC News in America and on his return worked for Thames TV as director of programmes. And, having filmed behind the lines in Afghanistan for a documentary in 1983, he cannot be accused of having forgotten what it is like to be a reporter. His only disqualification for becoming a BBC bureaucrat is — as his travelling companion among the mujahidin, Sandy Gall, told me — he makes a terrible cup of tea.

● **Just for Norris McWhirter: new evidence of links between Zircon and the BBC. Zircon Metal of Shepherds Bush, west London, supplies BBC TV with metalwork and woodwork for scenery.**

Private line

I have ammunition for those who remain convinced, despite denials, that the Government plans to privatize the London Underground. Just as British Airways acquired a new logo before last week's sell-off, so London Regional Transport has brought in a design consultancy to work on its image. Henrion, Ludlow and Schmidt's ideas are less than sensational: the familiar crossed circle symbol is staying with only minor alterations and the present typography will be updated rather than abolished. There is one shock in store though. Chris Ludlow confides that the colour used to represent some lines on the Underground may be changed. He won't tell me which, but Northern, to my relief, is staying in black.

BARRY FANTONI



'And Long Meadow alone will produce half a ton of lost golf balls'

Shirt tale

Earlier this week Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, entertained the Commons with an account of buying a shirt in Moscow. This morning I turn the nation's gaze to Michael Jopling's apparel. The beleaguered Agriculture Minister was interviewed on Monday evening's *Newsnight* wearing what looked like a sheet of graph paper under his jacket. Lo, when he was roasted at Tuesday's National Farmers' Union meeting, his shirt bore the same ghastly check. Yesterday his office was vigorous in denying that Jopling had not bothered to undress between engagements. "He liked the shirt so much he bought two," it said.

PHS

Against the protectionist tide

by J. William Middendorf II

EEC Ministers meet today to tackle the rising budgetary costs of, above all else, the Common Agricultural Policy. The true costs of that policy, however, go far beyond the expenditures involved. They include, indeed, the risks of a trade war. Faced with a burgeoning overcapacity in both agricultural and manufacturing products, the EEC, the US and other major trading nations are vying with increasing intensity for relatively limited markets.

The bright side of the emerging picture is that the past two years show an impressive resolution of such outstanding disputes as those on citrus fruit and steel exports. Most recently, we found a solution for the large remaining controversy over Spanish and Portuguese accession measures. Just one day before a series of US tariffs on EEC products went into effect, both sides agreed on compensation for damages to US corn and sorghum exports to Spain.

This disagreement related to the larger problem of agricultural policy. Much of the EEC's large agricultural surplus, generated by its exorbitant farm price supports, is then dumped, with the help of export subsidies, on already saturated world markets. Nor is the US guiltless. We also heavily support agriculture, as do one third of other governments in the world in one way or another.

During the 1970s farmers enjoyed a prolonged period of high commodity prices, coupled with booming export markets. Future markets looked unlimited. Thus, farmers the world over increased production to levels far beyond the needs of domestic markets.

Encouragingly, the US and the EEC have both taken steps to reduce their support to agriculture. In December 1986, the EEC Agriculture Council approved reforms of its dairy and meat programmes which should reduce somewhat the massive surpluses in these two sectors. The 1985 US farm bill lowers support prices in the US to the point where the market, and not the government, begins to set farm prices. In addition, the bill provides that grain farmers must remove 20 to 25 per cent of their land from production to participate in the government programmes. Unfortunately, many countries have simply filled the US void by growing more.

The inclusion of agriculture on the agenda of the forthcoming Uruguay round of multilateral trade negotiations offers hope for co-operation. Current General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade rules need to be strengthened to promote free trade in farm commodities. The US is willing to put virtually all of its agricultural policies on the table in the Uruguay Round negotiations, and we hope the EEC will do the same.

The US Congress will be closely monitoring progress in the Gatt negotiations, not only in agriculture, but in the new areas of services, trade-related investment, intellectual property rights, as well as in traditional manufactured goods. But a failure to reform and strengthen the Gatt system would make protectionist proposals more likely.

Some comprehensive trade legislation certainly will come out of the US Congress in 1987. The Reagan Administration has agreed to work closely with Congress to try to produce a bill that the president can sign. However, the president has vowed to veto any protectionist bill and, indeed, last year did veto one aimed at textiles.

Congressional pressure this year will be even greater, since our trade deficit has climbed to record levels despite the sizeable depreciation of the dollar. Unfortunately, the currencies of the Pacific Basin NICs, Latin America, and Canada, which represent around 40 per cent of our total trade, have dropped with the American dollar. Our poor 1986 trade figures confirm that the US trade deficit will come down much more slowly than most observers had expected. Thus, growth-orientated policies in the two largest surplus countries, Japan and Germany, are urgently needed to bring better balance to international trade.

Although protectionism poses a threat to US relations with its major trading partners, I leave Europe confident that the gyroscope of mutual interest will continue to keep US-EEC relations on an even keel. Not only our economic prosperity but also our security depend on close co-operation. George Ball's remark, "Nothing propings like propinquity", is as true of interests as of people.

The author has just retired as US Ambassador to the EEC.

Kenneth Minogue ponders the dangerous growth of mere silliness

In search of lost stupidity



'For sheer, unmitigated rip-roaring silliness, it is hard to beat intellectuals. Bertrand Russell was a supreme example.'

It was a commonplace of 19th century political judgement that the Conservatives were the stupid party. Being the stupidest party was, John Stuart Mill wrote, "the law of their existence" and he glossed this by talking of their blind propensity to oppose anything new.

To describe someone as "stupid" is generally an insulting move in the new conversational games we play; usually it comes just before such a game is broken off in exasperation. But it is also a tactic in conversational games to pick up insults, turn them upside down, and send them boomeranging back. In this way, the sort of people for whom "clever-clever" is an insult can easily persuade themselves that stupidity in politics is a virtue. Not perhaps the highest virtue, but one close to it.

The great exponent of this tradition was Edmund Burke, whose later writings are full of praise for the natural stolidity of the English, especially in comparison with the French. "I know that we are supposed a dull, sluggish race," Burke wrote, "rendered passive by finding our situation tolerable, and prevented by a mediocrity of freedom from ever attaining to its full perfection." And with this neat ironical twist, stupidity is equated with stability and lack of impressionability; the stupid are at least protected against the self-destructiveness of political fashion.

Burke is perhaps the most recent political writer whom one might be tempted to describe as wise, for wisdom is a moral quality only to be found in traditional societies which, from necessity, are constantly aware of their own limitations. Socrates was wise in that he knew that he was ignorant, and his irony counterbalanced the pretensions of the knowledgeable against their actual ignorance of their real situation.

In modern technological societies, the dominant conviction is that things go wrong only because we have used the wrong technique. In the age of "back to the drawing board", the traditional wisdom survives only in the deeper pessimism of graffiti, and peripheral humour about Murphy's Law.

The result is that genuine wisdom is lost to us, and the best we can generally manage is a political process in which silliness is mitigated by a decent stupidity. These are the two self-cancelling dimensions of folly in modern societies; in earlier times they used to be associated with the rhythms of city and country life. The farmer was stolid and suspicious of anything new, the city dweller victimized by his lust for pleasure and novelty. Since the pursuit of novelty is an unavoidable condition of the modern life we have evolved, silliness can no longer be dismissed as *mere* silliness. It is, rather, a necessary suspension of our grip on the concrete in order to explore and experiment with each new abstract vision that takes our fancy.

It is tempting to think that silliness was invented by the philosophers — themselves one of the early products of the evolution of towns. Certainly it has been for centuries a commonplace that, as Descartes put it, there is no opinion so foolish that it has not been espoused by one philosopher or another. And for sheer, unmitigated rip-roaring silliness, it is hard to beat intellectuals. Bertrand Russell was a supreme example. He once defined truth as "what the police require you to tell". In a graduate essay, he commended the Indian custom of suttee with the rhetorical question: "Why waste the means of sustenance on one who can serve no longer for the preservation of the species?"

Like Marx, who thought that with a bit of dialectic one could prove anything, Russell was given to evading his critics by inventing subtleties. An exponent of preventive atomic warfare in middle life, he ended up tottering along at the head of CND processions. He added immensely to the gaiety of life, but only the very silly would have taken him seriously in matters of practical politics.

If it is intellectuals who largely produce the stock of silliness in our civilization, it is newspapers that distribute it. There is a journalistic convention by which the high tide of summer is called "the silly season" as supposedly the only time when trivialities are blown up out of all proportion. In fact, everyone knows that the salesmen of silliness work at full blast all the year round. Who now remembers that "glaring absence" of Nancy Reagan from the Reykjavik summit, which, according to journalists only a few months ago, "handed Raisa Gorbachov another stunning victory in the Soviet effort to change its image in the outside world."

Silliness is not, of course, merely a procession of frivolities that amuse the connoisseur. The whole point is that it is taken with dreadful seriousness by many people, and it can have dreadful consequences. It can kill. During the last CND campaign, which briefly monopolized our thoughts with apocalyptic imagery of imminent nuclear destruction, one man was inspired to do away with his family in order to save them from the next Holocaust.

The essence of silliness is pretentiousness. The silly are those comic figures who are always trying to be more impressive than their wits allow, and the result is mispronunciation, malapropism, the misuse of technical words (like "parameter" and "schizophrenia") and all the other tell-tale signs that reveal human capacities are being overstretched. A democratic society is an open invitation to political silliness, because it encourages everybody to have opinions

So far as 1986 was concerned, there can be little doubt that South Africa provided the supreme arena for every kind of silliness going. Most people have only one piece of its immensely complicated cultural jigsaw — namely, the true moral proposition that the local form of apartheid is unjust. Without even the experience of running the proverbial whelk stall, however, they pontificate about what its rulers ought to do.

Nor is this a type of folly to which only the man in the street is prone. Politicians in other countries, no doubt taking a holiday from the strain of local political difficulties that they cannot manage, have also weighed in with helpful advice. It is always foolish, Burke insisted, to hazard paper plans except from a position of responsibility — but such restraint is so *negative*. It does not commend itself to a set of eager, positive, benevolent — above all, impatient — world improvers.

One of the dominant forms of silliness in the modern world has been the propensity to imitate the practices of neighbouring nations who are imagined to be more successful than we are. Hobbes diagnosed this form of silliness back in 1651, going so far as to attribute the English Civil War to people who supposed that they "needed no more to grow rich, than to change, as they (the Dutch) had done, the form of their government". For, as Hobbes added, "the constitution of man's nature is of itself subject to desire of novelty". The great success of the British, however, came in the 18th and early 19th centuries, when they became rich, as it were, by accident, in sticking to their liberal ways and rejecting that nationalist passion for the centralized direction of the state's affairs that was sweeping the Continent during this time.

What tends to upset the balance between silliness and stupidity in contemporary politics is that a great deal of silliness takes a moralizing form. In a confusing world, some people — especially the young — think they can solve all their problems of judgement by scurrying to the refuge of moral absolutes. Clean hands become a substitute for the riskiness of wise and prudent policies. Silliness is essentially an abstract idea affirmed in defiance of its context and background. The silly are those who think that life should be a continuous string of successes; while the stupid understand that every success will certainly be soon overtaken by events.

This is why Nietszche, the great homeopathic intellectual, remarked that stupidity was the condition of life and growth, because it involved concentrating on "immediate tasks and limited horizons".

In Aubrey Menen's *Rama Retold*, the princely young hero wins his bride and regains his throne with the help of a wise and sceptical sage. At the end, the young prince chides the sage for his universal scepticism. Is there nothing at all which he believes to be real? Certainly, replies the sage: the gods, human folly, and laughter, and since the first two are inscrutable, there is only the third. Even if we can no longer be wise, we can at least imitate the wise by laughing at folly.

Disastrous cycles of forgetfulness

Four weeks is about the normal media half-life for an environmental disaster. Three months after the Sandoz plant in Basle, Switzerland, spilled toxic herbicides into the Rhine, the disaster seems to have evaporated as an issue of international concern.

This is typical of the catharsis and ultimate forgetfulness that has long accompanied such disasters. Perhaps it is a way of relieving anxieties about the dangers of modern technology. If it were a process that elicited a coherent response to the dangers of toxic chemicals, all would be well. But there has been a tendency to let issues fade before any serious effort is made to prevent such disasters from recurring.

Recently, however, there have been signs that things may be changing. For example, in response to the lethal 1984 gas leak at Union Carbide's plant in Bhopal the United States Environmental Protection Agency introduced a programme to alert communities to toxic chemicals in their areas and to involve them in contingency plans.

Likewise, Chernobyl has led to two international treaties on notification and assistance in case of nuclear accidents. Now at least we have a legal framework for spelling out the international obligations of nuclear states.

But if the Third World, where the use of chemicals has grown considerably, is to benefit, the findings of the current Sandoz inquiry must be acted on. Governments and international organizations must unite with industry to ensure mistakes are not repeated.

The participants could reflect on the scene in Basle in the hours following the accident: government vehicles issuing warnings to the public to keep windows closed; messages broadcast in German to Italian and Turkish-speaking families; incompatible alarm systems delaying response to the emergency; the sudden realization that the Swiss authorities did not immediately know who were the responsible officials in France and West Germany. Most of all, they should remember that regulations governing safety standards and industrial codes of conduct proved ineffective.

Contingency plans, procedures for notification, chemical identification and early assistance are not costly measures. Beyond them, there is a need for national regulations, particularly in setting safety standards. Unfortunately, regulation is often used as a stick to beat industry. If Sandoz and Union Carbide had been encouraged to play a more constructive role in contingency planning, perhaps their disasters would have been less catastrophic.

In addition, statutory regulations require a national commitment to monitoring compliance with their standards. Progress is not simply a measure of mechanical competence. It includes an ability to formulate a coherent response to failure. It requires a package of international legislation that will organize procedures for notification and assistance in case of chemical emergency. And it should include a programme to alert local people to the chemicals with which they live and to help limit the dangers facing them.

The United Nations Environment Programme is proposing such a package. The extent to which the international community and industry are willing to join in may be the best measure of the world's ability to break out of its cycle of forgetfulness.

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Ronald Butt

A marginal majority

There are moments when I tend to feel marginalized. There may be readers who lead sheltered lives and do not know what that means. Since the word is buzzing, and I understand from a colleague that it has even entered the American Catholic bishops' encyclicals, I shall try to explain using an example, taken from a culinary article in *The Guardian*, across the countenance of whose readers, I suppose, not a smile flickered.

The subject was the protest of a black lady who, having been seized of the merits of black cooking on a tour of the Caribbean and Africa, now runs a co-operative restaurant with Caribbean and African dishes. "Food," she told her interviewer, "is an integral part of people's identity." Having correctly remarked on its relationship to culture and celebration, she went on: "Yet in Britain this is marginalized for black people."

Note the passive voice. It is marginalized *for* black people. But by whom? The culprits, it seems, are such institutions as schools, hospitals and canteens "which cater for a great many black people; they are not taking the black diet into account." That raises an interesting question. The schools, so we are told, are starved of books, and the hospitals cannot afford enough junior doctors, or to keep wards open. Yet they should find the money for special black cookery, presumably of many varieties: African and Caribbean, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, for in race relations terms, if not in their own, they are all classified as black. For myself I don't see why the Chinese cookery should be left out.

The argument was also advanced, perhaps correctly, that "black food" — yams and plantains were examples given — are healthier than Western junk food. But the nub of the matter was expressed in a sentence that encapsulates so much more than black cookery. "When you marginalize a person's food you do the same to them. So when I see black food being marginalized, then I feel I too am being marginalized as a black person."

Now you will be as unclear as I am about who is responsible for this atrocious marginalization, and how many varieties of black cookery would be needed to put a stop to it. The argument was slightly spoilt at the end of the article: "So far, most of the restaurant clients have been white and while Rosamund is happy with this ... she hopes the number of black customers will increase." Who, I wonder, is keeping them away.

On one level, of course, it is funny. Yet it is anything but a joke. For while millions of "black" people in Britain are integrating themselves into British society without apparent discontent, great effort is devoted to instructing them to feel marginalized if they do. The complaint that they are deliberately being deprived of their food and culture if it isn't institutionally provided — "Black people should not be cut off from traditional black food", said the heading — is explicable only in terms of the campaign against alleged racism, which stirs resentment in both whites and blacks.

One profoundly disquietening effect is that the majority begins to feel marginalized by the arbiters of intellectual fashion, and not only about racial matters. There is increasing concern among the majority about the extent to which its traditional values are being undermined, and the lack of roast beef in hospitals is nothing to do with it. Those who live under the rule of hard-left boroughs — whose activities Mr Kinnock cloaks with the euphemism zealotry — feel marginalized by attitudes towards the academic and moral education of their children which undermine the values of learning and the family. Many Asian and black people share this anxiety.

There must be millions more who feel marginalized by Norman Fowler's repulsive and slick Aids ads. Now we all know what he means and the minorities he is primarily addressing. But he doesn't feel able to address them outright, let alone to make such a simple "judgemental" but correct statement as "Promiscuity causes Aids". Instead, the nation, sitting in its family circles, is told on television that the more sexual "partners" — another marginalizing word — it has, the greater the risk. The implication is that multiple partnerships are nothing out of the ordinary, while the street ads eschew the vocabulary of the majority for the argot "gay or straight". The nation is addressed in terms as patronizing and as unsuitable as they are irrelevant.

The majority also feels marginalized by the judge's sentences in the Ealing rape case, and by the refusal of the Home Secretary to accept the view of many in his own party that the prosecution should have the right of appeal against soft sentences. Again, minority "progressive" opinion marginalizes the majority. In much the same way, a great many people feel marginalized by the refusal of so many sophisticates in influential places to accept evidence of a causal link between pornography and rape, and who will not even concede that if they could be convinced of a link they would agree to strengthen the obscenity law.

Older values are worth something. They are old because they have been tested in the furnace of time and have survived. What the majority thinks is not always wrong; if it were, why do we have a democratic franchise? And if the majority is, on the whole, sensible, why is it so persistently snubbed and marginalized? The majority now has cause to feel a great deal more marginalized than those who are not being institutionally fed with yams and plantains.

If the triumph of unrepresentative campaigns goes on, there will barely be standing room for all those crowding the margin of our society.

Paul Pickering

In trivial pursuit of Miss Ross

The game absolutely everyone in the Okay-Yah set is playing on the Swiss ski slopes and which could soon sweep the *pistes* worldwide is Find Diana Ross. "There she goes!" yelled Georgiana as we sped off in pursuit and caught our quarry poised at the top of a precipitous run, glistening in a fetching red ski suit.

"Excuse me for asking, but are you the famous singer, film star and all-round entertainer Diana Ross who on the Tamla Motown label dazzled us with such hits as *Baby Love*, accompanied by your incomparable backing group The Supremes?" I asked casually, a little breathless. (Georgie was ready to record the moment on film as a small crowd, who were also looking for the soul legend, slid to a halt nearby.)

"I'm so sorry," said the dusky vision in crimson. "But I work for the World Development Bank in Geneva. Perhaps if you try a little further up the mountain."

The pack swished off to the cable-car bubble without a moment's pause. But then, if you did tarry long enough to assess the value of looking for a female rock singer on a Swiss alp it could give you vertigo.

The best alpine games have never exactly taxed the intellect for the Kensington-on-ice set who play them. A firm favourite for years has been Poubelle-ing, where the practitioners dress from head to toe in black plastic refuse sacks and chuck themselves over the edge of a steepish drop. A high-pitched nasal whine on the way down, an indication of an expensive education, is nowadays only optional.

After removing several layers of skin from one's bottom Poubelle-ing, it is exceeding uncomfortable to play Dead Ant. It is psychologically painful to play Dead Ant at the best of times. Suddenly, usually in the confines of somewhere like the hideously exclusive Farm Club in Verbier, a Hooray Henry shouts "Dead Ant", whereupon they all throw themselves down on their backs and wave their legs in the air.

The Duchess of York is fondly remembered at the disco here for her moving interpretation of the Dead Ant.

Find Diana Ross seemed positively intellectual after this. The game owes its origins to the fact that a month or so ago the songstress is said to have moved to the Verbier area. As with the legendary Yeti of the Himalayas or Big Foot of the Rocky Mountains, no one has yet 100 per cent definitely seen her slipping down the slopes in evening gloves and a gold lamé dress. However, this merely adds to the mystery.

Poor Sebastian, one of Georgie's friends, was actually asked to leave a restaurant as he could not stop his ski trousers from steaming alarmingly, so ardent had been his pursuit of the illusory Diana.

I personally fell foul of another hazard. On thinking I had sighted Miss Ross from the ski bubble taking me up the mountain, the excitement was too much. I stood up and pointed at a black female figure far below. Without a hat on, my hair became instantly frozen to the roof of the car. We had to go round again twice with fellow Ross-seekers blowing on the deeply frozen strands, much to the suspicion of the lift attendants who thought this very lewd, before I was able to detach myself and resume the hunt for Diana. Such antics are not for the bald.

Two dancers, a hairdresser from Birmingham and a chiropodist's wife from Lyons later, the hunt had still not netted Diana.

"Wouldn't it be great if one had a proper skiing board-game," said a girl called Melinda afterwards. "A bit like Trivial Pursuit, though one would have to have a goal." But the whole point with Find Diana Ross is not so much discovering Diana but eternally pursuing her, as splendidly trivial as skiing itself.

But then, just as you are resigned to the fact that it is all meaningless, that Diana Ross could not possibly be on the ski slopes, there is another sighting and it becomes a deadly serious life-affirming quest.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Miss Ross, for a new dimension to my life. I know you're out there . . . somewhere.

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GLASNOST AND THE GULAG

They began to return in the 1950s, grey and gaunt, their speech attuned to the argot of the camps. They recognized each other by their haunted gaze, by a spiritual depth born of deprivation. They were the denizens of another Soviet world: a world of dawn marches and permafrost, scanned by searchlights and guarded day and night.

They were the among the first beneficiaries of Nikita Khrushchev's post-Stalin thaw, and they provided the images and the information which have damned the Soviet Union ever since. Now, more than 30 later, there is hope that the gulag archipelago – which has been replenished time and again by the guardians of Soviet orthodoxy – might be starting to shrink.

Sceptics point out that the 140 political prisoners released – or even double or triple that number – represent but a fraction of the number unjustly imprisoned in the Soviet Union. They interpret the releases as a well-timed gesture to Western public opinion, another example of Mr Gorbachov's mastery of the presentational art.

The Soviet leader's admirers, on the other hand, are already interpreting the releases as evidence that Mr Gorbachov is a General Secretary of a new type, a real reformer. Already, they are looking to a Soviet Union without political prisoners. The reality is probably more complicated, and it calls for a wiser response than outright rejection or acclamation.

The number of prisoners released so far, when set against the estimated 4,000 political prisoners in the Soviet Union, *is* small. There has not been a general amnesty, nor have the releases so far extended beyond a narrow circle of political dissenters. The beneficiaries are predominantly Russian intellectuals who, like Academician Sakharov, supported the Helsinki agreement and tried to hold the Soviet Union to its provisions. Religious dissenters and Jewish activists are conspicuous by their absence.

Insofar as the releases have a rationale, it seems to be Mr Gorbachov's professed belief that "he who is not against us is for us". In other words, he appears to be trying to end the disaffection of the intelligentsia which has so hindered the country's recent economic development.

Recent criticism of the KGB for operating outside the law, attention to formerly taboo areas of history like the persecution of scholars in the 1920s, pledges of greater freedom for writers and artists and the possibility of senior posts for non-communists – all suggest a desire by the authorities to harness the intelligentsia to their cause. Above all, the return to Moscow of Dr Sakharov, a symbol for many of the plight of the Soviet intelligentsia, suggests the possibility of a new start. It also offers the prospect of greater freedom in future, if only for distinguished and well-meaning critics.

How genuine this change is will only become clear with time, but certain tests can be applied. Will people be allowed to travel in the West, speak their mind when they are there *and* return home without sacrificing their freedom? Will they be able to travel without leaving their families hostage in the Soviet Union? Will non-communists be given positions of real influence or will they just be token representatives on state bodies?

Will the gulag itself become with time an acceptable subject for discussion and criticism? And what of the clauses in the penal code which relate to anti-state activity? Will they be erased when the penal code is redrafted – and if they are, will the offence itself cease to exist? There are many other charges, from hooliganism to treason, which have been brought against political dissenters.

If anti-state activity really ceases to be an offence during Mr Gorbachov's period in office, that will be a sign of maturity and progress in a state that still suffers from a deep sense of inferiority. If the Soviet leadership can demonstrate to itself that criticism will not cause the state to collapse, and that given an opportunity to travel, most Soviet citizens will choose to return home, that is to be welcomed.

Wooing the Russian intelligentsia for the sake of a stronger Soviet Union is one thing, however; a freer and more democratic Soviet state quite another. It is possible that the one might lead eventually to the other. The West must carefully calibrate its response to give the Soviet leader an incentive to continue, welcoming the releases as only one step down the right road. If, however, the voices of religious dissenters, would-be Jewish emigrants and those who campaign for the rights of their national groups remain unheard, the latest releases will amount to little more than a public relations exercise.

In that event, the gulag archipelago will stand as a reminder of the what Mr Gorbachov and the Soviet state were unable to do without. It must not be forgotten.

END OF TERMS

Teachers in England and Wales are being urged by the two TUC-affiliated unions which represent three-quarters of them to vote next week for a renewed and apparently indefinite campaign of classroom disruption. That would be bad enough but, as things stand, members of the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers are being invited to vote yes on the blissful assumption that they will still get their 16.4 per cent pay rise if they do.

If that does not seem surprising, it is because it has now become a British tradition that employees who are offered rises with strings take the money and hang the conditions. But this time it cannot be, and the sooner the Government says so the better.

Last autumn, Mr Baker persuaded the Cabinet to approve an extra £608 million for teachers' pay on the strict understanding that peace would be restored to schools which had by then suffered two years of unmitigated misery. Let us recall some of the details: a million teaching days were lost by strikes; countless lessons were abandoned because teachers refused to cover for those who were absent; homework, never a strong point in many comprehensive schools, went out of the window; teachers would not meet to discuss essential changes to the curriculum; out-of-class activities like sports and hobbies came to a complete halt; and headteachers reported mounting indiscipline.

The education of millions of children suffered in a multitude of ways, some of which will never be measured. So much is clear from the reports now being published by Her Majesty's Inspectors on the schools they visited during the first year of what the teachers, who like to think of themselves as members of a profession, call "industrial action".

Finally, after two years of hand-wringing by Sir Keith Joseph, the economic wall was breached. Through it came Mr Baker with a small pot of gold, amounting to an average pay increase of 25 per cent over the two years to this October. Attached to it was a new (and long-overdue) promotion structure and a 19-point contract spelling out a teachers' duties; nothing radical, simply the things that teachers have always done except when it suits them not to and they withdraw what they call their goodwill.

Mr Baker then offered the teachers and their local education authorities a choice between either accepting the package, or something very like it, or having it imposed on them, in which case they would lose their discredited and useless negotiating committee. The teachers plumped for the latter and Parliament is now in the process of giving Mr Baker the powers he needs to implement the settlement.

As things stand, the moment the Teachers Pay and Conditions Bill receives the Royal Assent, Mr Baker will hasten to pay the first half of the rise, 8.2 per cent backdated to January 1. But can he seriously contemplate that if teachers vote in the meanwhile to continue the disruption which the offer was supposed to end? Should he not make clear now, before the balloting even begins, that the whole deal is off if they vote yes?

Unhappily, the Secretary of State is in Hong Kong at present and his department seems paralysed. The sooner it pays heed to the awakening outrage on the Government's backbenches the better – for pupils, parents and indeed the entire education service.

RENAISSANCE ITALY

Italy's prime minister, on his current visit to London, has tactfully played down the prospect of Italy's output and living standards overtaking Britain's this year. But Signor Craxi is not so reticent at home, as he prepares to step down from leading the coalition government.

Passing Britain is seen as a telling symbol for the average Italian voter of the success of the economic policies pursued by his Government. After all, Britain started the industrial revolution and bought a number of Italy's treasures with the proceeds. ?

For the British, being overtaken is an equal psychological shock, though we may pretend not to notice. While Italy's fast cars, stylish clothes and high tech washing machines are highly regarded, we still prefer to patronize the Italians as comical, emotional and disorganized, full of talent but lacking the sterner stuff.

Fortunately for British self-regard, as many statisticians claim that Italy still has a little catching up to do as the reverse. The apparent advance of Italy can in some respects be dismissed as a statistical side effect of sterling's rapid recent decline against the Lira. When the pound reached its nadir against the dollar two years ago, Hong Kong living standards were briefly neck and neck with British only to sink back – no doubt temporarily.

Whatever the exact positions in the league tables of living standards – and neither make the top ten of industrial countries – it is clear that Italy's economy is much more dynamic than Britain's. This is not a reflection of years of superior economic policy. Britain and Italy for long shared the European wooden spoon for high borrowing, high inflation and an entrenched wage spiral.

Indeed, a record of which Signor Craxi is justly proud mirrors Mrs Thatcher's own battle to dissolve this legacy. Italy has cut inflation below the current British level by comparable means, although Italy has much further to go in diciplining its Budget and breaking down rigidities in its recorded economy.

In part, greater dynamism can be explained by Italy's previous backwardness. Milan factories have drawn cheap labour from the poor South and from a much larger peasantry. In this sense, Italy has benefited more from the European Community, which has cushioned the burden of an inefficient peasant farming sector Britain which Britain no longer posesses. Also, the sheer incompetence of much of Italy's bureaucracy may have forced businessmen to fend for themselves – not least through the vigorous black economy.

Even when such special factors have been taken into account, however, the secret of Italy's growing success is the sheer energy and productivity of its manufacturing industry. A British comparison published in the National Institute Economic Review – which alerted Italians to their change of status – puts great stress on this vitality. Out of a similar population, almost four million fewer are officially in the labour force, but they are more productive. One comparison, output per man in manufacturing, was 50 per cent higher than in Britain. Moreover, Italian businessmen have been far quicker to seize export opportunities from the Gulf to China.

By providing a more rational financial background, therefore, Signor Craxi has unleashed the natural energy of the economy. Mrs Thatcher has provided an economy fit for venturers, to find as yet a comparative shortage of those willing to venture.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Righting the Middle East balance

From Sir John Barnes

Sir, For one of the few people in this country who have lived and worked in both Lebanon and Israel and one who has great sympathy with both countries, it is intensely depressing to read the oversimplified letters (February 6) from the Lebanese Ambassador and from Mr Michael Adams and others.

It is easy to be controversial and to attribute the whole blame to one party to a problem. But it simply is not true that all the troubles of Lebanon today derive from comparatively recent Israeli actions. Nor is it accurate to suggest that Jews, or Zionists, are the only oppressors in the Middle East. Roger Scruton, in your same issue, seems to make a deeper and more objective analysis.

Quite apart from the secular conflict of Christian and Moslem in the region, with the Druze schism dating from the eleventh century, which have left a bitter and tangled legacy of sectarian strife, the more modern problems of the area spring from the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, and specifically the Sykes-Picot Agreement. The period of British and French rule only served to encourage intrigue and irresponsibility among the governed.

The attempt to establish a United Kingdom of Syria under the Emir Feisal in 1920 failed pitifully; but Syria has never since accepted the separate autonomy of Lebanon. From the time Lebanon achieved formal independence in 1944, her *status quo* has been subject to constant challenge, even from political elements within Lebanon itself, aimed at a "Greater Syria" or, more politely put, the unity of the Fertile Crescent. None of this had anything to do with Israel.

Nor today has the Iran-Iraq war, which is motivated by geographical and economic rivalries and by religious tensions between Shia and Sunni. Indeed, these are the stresses which have led to many of the troubles within Lebanon itself. Some of the hostages there, for example, were being held against the release of Arab prisoners in Kuwait, victims of another exclusively inter-Arab dispute.

One could cite other examples: Libyan policy under Colonel Gadaffi, Egypt's relations with fellow Arabs over the past 30 years. But there is no merit in stirring up prejudice.

Of course, the Arab-Israel conflict is one destabilising element in the Middle East. But it is only one such element and almost certainly not the worst. One has only to imagine the instability which could arise from an unrestrained wave of Islamic Shia fundamentalism in the wake of an outright Iranian victory in the Gulf War. It could make the Arab-Israel problem look like a little local difficulty.

The facts of the situation and the dangers inherent in it demand that stability should be sought by compromise and negotiation in all the region's disputes, and not by chauvinistic partisanship.

Yours faithfully,
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February 7.

From Mr Andrew Faulds, MP for Warley East (Labour)

Sir, Bernard Levin (February 2) accuses a number of us of "whipping the dogs of hate" against Israel (a veteran Levinism!). Rather, we have been rousing "the lions of wrath" against the persecution of the Palestinians and the outrageous policies of the Zionist State towards her Arab neighbours. We have grown accustomed to his animadversions.

On the play *Perdition* he reasserts his truer self and comes out against its suppression. But the play, which apparently argues that Zionist history too has its dirty skeletons, has been withdrawn: should we not suspect the powerful Zionist lobby's pressure?

Sincerely,
ANDREW FAULDS,
House of Commons.
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Worlds apart

From Dr Clive J. Christie

Sir, In his speech at the Young Conservative conference over the weekend, Kenneth Baker attacked, among other things, the teaching of "Third World politics" in schools.

I would accept that an understanding and awareness of the world beyond Europe must take second place to the demands of a core curriculum. What I deplore, however, is the implication in Mr Baker's attack that study of the Third World (for convenience, I will use Mr Baker's somewhat dubious term) must necessarily be subversive, left-wing and lacking in intellectual rigour.

This is a generally-held view and it is enormously damaging in educational terms. Because the Third World is seen as a left-wing enclave, it is almost completely ignored in traditional schools (the vast majority, in my experience), and consequently the only information that schoolchildren will get about the Third World will all too often come from opinionated and one-sided sources.

The result is obvious and deplorable. School-leavers either have a sentimental and fuzzy view of the Third World, or no view at all beyond a flurry of television impressions and a set of ready-made prejudices. Very few supposedly well-educated school-leavers could begin to discuss intelligently or with the faintest background knowledge the majority of crises and problems that face the world today. For them, the foreign news section of most newspapers might as well be written in Chinese. It is lamentable that Kenneth Baker's views will help reinforce this self-righteous ignorance.

Is it desirable in a country as dependent on foreign trade as Britain that knowledge of the Third World should be confined to experts? More importantly, is ignorance of the Third World a proper training for citizenship in the modern world?

If Mr Baker were to visit the many area studies centres in the British university system he would quickly discover that Third World subjects (including politics) *can* be taught in a dispassionate and professional manner. There is no reason why the same standards could not be achieved in the school system, if only prejudice could be pushed to one side.

Yours faithfully,
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War and morals

From Professor A. M. Parrent

Sir, The arguments of Mr Frank Barnaby on February 5 in support of a "low-threshold" nuclear test ban treaty reveal, if nothing else, the severely curtailed moral vision of the professional arms controllers who continue to advocate a policy of mutual assured destruction (MAD).

Mr Barnaby makes it quite clear that he supports a low-threshold treaty precisely because it *undermines* the further development of counterforce weapons which could be directed with accuracy at legitimate military targets. He argues instead for a return to nuclear deterrence policy based on MAD which would be directed *intentionally* at perhaps 200 cities of a potential enemy nation and the 100 million non-combatant civilians within them.

Does this position stem from sheer ignorance of the very crux of the Western moral tradition concerning the conduct of war, or is it based on a conscious decision to cast that tradition aside in deference to what appears to be a vulgar utilitarian calculus? Whatever the reason, the position defended by Mr Barnaby, well-intentioned though it may be, runs roughshod over some of the very values he presumably would wish to defend.

Rather than an intentional and morally unacceptable counter-population strategy, Mr Barnaby would be better advised to consider strategic options more in keeping with the Western moral tradition. That tradition recognizes the moral acceptability of aiming at legitimate military targets and the development of weaponry best able to accomplish that goal if necessary, but it upholds the long-standing principle of non-combatant immunity. Mr Barnaby seems to have gotten these reversed.

Not all weapons developments are to be automatically condemned and not all arms-control proposals are to be automatically affirmed. Both may at times be useful means toward more morally acceptable military and political ends.

The key, as Professor James Johnson reminds us, is to keep the development of new weapons, as well as the tactics, strategies, and policies that guide their development and potential use, in the service of a morally informed human intentionality. That means giving thought not only to a credible and morally defensible deterrent, but also to the question, ignored by Mr Barnaby, of what the options are if deterrence fails.

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Unequal seating

From Professor R. J. Johnston

Sir, I received today the report of the Home Affairs Committee, "A Redistribution of Seats". The Press release with it quotes the Chairman, Sir Edward Gardner, as saying: "This is a major report on which we hope the Government will act."

One of the recommendations is that the number of constituencies should be held at: England, not substantially more than 523; Scotland, not substantially more than 72; Wales, not substantially more than 38; Northern Ireland, not more than 18.

What this will do is maintain major differences between the countries in terms of the number of electors per MP, which the committee records for 1985 as: England, 68,700; Scotland, 55,100; Wales 56,400; Northern Ireland, 63,400.

The committee writes that

> In our judgement it would not be feasible on political grounds to change the rules so as to provide a uniform electoral quota for the whole United Kingdom. In essence we believe that Scotland and Wales would successfully resist any change in the number of seats which was sought in the interests of electoral parity.

How pusillanimous! There is no logical reason why Scotland and Wales should be favoured with electorates on average only about 80 per cent of the size of those in England and Northern Ireland. One can only despair at the unwillingness of the committee to tackle such blatant and unneeded discrimination.

Yours faithfully,
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Pressure points on green belt

From Mr Roger Schafir

Sir, I read David Nicholson-Lord's centre-page article (January 29) on a train while riding through the dreary, depressing sprawl of Milton Keynes. Is this what he wants more of?

British towns and cities are of extremely low density compared to those of most other countries – later that day I was looking at Birmingham and the Black Country, and the great open gaps between bits of housing, industry and shopping centres. I find incredible the Housing Research Foundation's claim that no more than 20 per cent of new housing needs can be met by building inside existing conurbations.

For sure, one wants new houses to be as spacious as possible. But the most obvious thing one notices about most post-war housing estates is how wasteful of space they are, and in a way that adds nothing of genuine room for their inhabitants. Typically, 50 yards of unattractive semi-grassland separates one straggling group of houses from a road, from where it is another 50 yards to the next group of houses.

The overall effect is of being in a big nothingness, neither town nor country, not really anywhere at all. I for one would far prefer a real living city for my environment – with the knowledge that there is genuine countryside outside for me to go to when I want.

Another unpersuasive claim is that the green belt has turned out to be unnecessary to prevent endless ribbon development and sprawl. Drive around the countryside near London for a while and you will see the signs of unrelenting pressure barely held in check: houses half-hidden down every lane, behind every field, everywhere in fact where the builders have been able to get past the planning regulations.

It may be good news that less land is now needed for food production. But the last conclusion to be drawn is that a lot more countryside should be released for building. Let more become country parkland, or turned over to wild commons, but accessible to a population living in compact cities. Mr Nicholson-Lord seems to want a vast sub-suburbia, which would be ghastly.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER SCHAFIR,
17 Milton Lodge, N21.
January 30.

Plainer English

From Mr Daniel Greenberg

Sir, Mr Justice Staughton (report, February 7) finds the formality of courtroom language irksome and unnecessary. It is my respectful submission that the learned judge labours under a misconception as to how and why such language comes to be used. Or, if he really wants plain speaking, he's missed the point.

Courtroom etiquette is not for the benefit of the judge. He has no need of it. From the High Court bench he could not fail to appreciate the importance, and the fragility, of the legal process over which he presides, if he tried to.

For others without the benefit of his lofty view, both practitioners and laymen, formality helps to induce the feelings of respect for and fear of the law which it deserves and upon which its efficiency ultimately depends.

It seems to me that today the law commands too little, not too great, respect. The sobering formality of the courtroom, gross archaisms excluded, is intended to preserve the dignity of the law, not of the judge, who consequently has no right to waive it.

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL GREENBERG,
74 North End Road, NW11.
February 8.

Silence on Ulster

From Mr Des Keenan

Sir, Mr Ulley, in his article on the Hillsborough agreement (February 2), omits one vital factor. The agreement could have worked. If the SDLP leadership had promptly announced that it was extending the hand of friendship, and, as sign of sincerity, was encouraging its members to co-operate with the security forces, there could possibly have been grounds for building on the agreement.

Their failure is all the more culpable in that the leaders of the SDLP were the only people, apart from the two governments, who had advance notice of the contents of the agreement.

As it was, the silence of SDLP leaders on this crucial issue thundered and re-echoed round Northern Ireland, if you will excuse the metaphor. The signal was "No change" and "Not an inch".

Yours sincerely,
DES KEENAN,
129 Bluebird Walk,
Chalk Hill Road,
Wembley Park, Middlesex.
February 2.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 12 1878

Giovanni Maria Mastai-Ferretti was born on May 13, 1792, at Senigallia, Italy. On June 16, 1846, he was elected Pope following the death of Gregory XVI. He died on February 7, 1878. His pontificate is the longest – 31 years, 236 days. On March 3, 1878, Gioacchino Pecci was elected Pope, taking the name of Leo XIII.

THE LATE POPE AND THE CONCLAVE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
ROME, Feb.8.

Pius IX. is dead. We have to record an event which has long been looked forward to, upon which men have speculated with anxious and even unbecoming curiosity, the consequences of which have been the theme of endless premature conjectures. A life deemed for many years precarious and hanging by a thread, prolonged beyond limits prescribed to it by a superstitious tradition which was held as immutable as fate, and preserved by what seemed to pious minds a miracle, wrought by an inscrutable, special Providential intervention, and for a hidden purpose, has at last followed the common course of all human lives. Death, though often disappointed, has ultimately not been balked of its prey. The Pope who has outlived all but four of the Cardinals who sat in Conclave at his election, who has survived more than a hundred of the members of the Sacred College of his own creation, who has witnessed the death and burial of nearly all the Sovereigns and statesmen on whose friendship he relied, or whose enmity he requited with blessings and prayers, who has celebrated the anniversaries of all the salient incidents in his mortal career, "seeing" the years of Peter's pontificate in Rome, and not without hope of exceeding the period of Peter's pontificate in Antioch, lies at this moment dead at the Vatican, only 29 days after the decease of the King who had made himself at home in the Quirinal. There is now mourning in Rome both among Guelphs and Ghibelines. The Princesses who till yesterday flaunted gay colours, and were preparing to throw open their drawing-rooms for Carnival revels with ostentatious disregard of popular feelings, will have to put on sackcloth and ashes and attune their voices to the notes of common sorrow. The King is dead and his son reigns in his place. The Pope is no more and another has to be made ...

The announcement of the Pope's death in former times, and when the Pontiff was a temporal Sovereign, was made by tolling not the bell of the Vatican but that of the Capitol, a bell of great historical importance, as it was taken by the Romans from the rival city of Viterbo, in the heat of their mediaeval feuds, in 1200, and called the *Paterina*, or the heretic, as a reproach to the heterodoxy of the Viterbese, and it used to be under the control of the Senator of Rome, who allowed it to be used only on the mournful occasion of a Pope's death, or the merrier one of the opening of the Carnival. The Roman Municipality, at whose head is now the Vice-Syndic, Emanuele Ruspoli, would gladly have complied with any request or order they might receive about the tolling of this bell; but the rulers at the Vatican were seemingly bent on keeping the Pope's death as an event *en famille*, and, as I said, anything connected with it, as far as we outside spectators were concerned, was mere guess-work. Were the ceremonies observed on the demise of a Pope to be in this instance as they were in former times, we should expect the authority of the Secretary of State, Cardinal Simeoni, to be at an end and everything within the Palace to be at the beck of the Camerlengo, Cardinal Pecci. It was, as we learn from books on the Conclave, for the Cardinal Penitentiary to attend the dying Pontiff in his last moments, though assisted by the Pope's Confessor, if wanted; the Extreme Unction had to be administered by the Sacristan of the Pope's private chapel. Upon death ensuing, the Cardinal Secretary of State was bound to convey the information to the Camerlengo, who from that moment became the Vice-Pope, the sole supreme ruler within and without the Palace. It was for him to repair to the Pope's death chamber, to knock at the door with a silver mallet, and, upon receiving no answer, to step up to the deathbed and "tap the corpse on the forehead, fall on his knees before the motionless body, and pronounce the words '*Dominus Papa meus mortuus est ...*'"

Star parts

From Commander David Aldrich, RN (retd)

Sir, The answer to Mrs Johnstone's query (February 5) about the future of astronomy is that if three or four bright stars are looking for jobs the odds are relatively favourable. If, however, there are 3,000 of the brightest academics in the country hoping for one of these positions in the firmament the odds could be said to be astronomically against success.

Upon leaving the Royal Navy in 1982 I discovered that I had a one in 439 chance of being selected to run the Royal Bath and West showground and a one in 234 chance of becoming the Bursar at King's School, Bruton. I therefore generated two supernovae and am, therefore, now,

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ALDRICH
(Cidermaker, Rosies Cider, and Marketing Director, Questours),
Lattiford,
Wincanton, Somerset.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 11: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Duke of York, attended by The Duke of Gloucester and The Duke of Kent, took his seat in the House of Lords this afternoon.

The Prince Edward, the Duchess of York, The Duchess of Gloucester and The Duchess of Kent witnessed the ceremony from the East Gallery.

Miss Helen Hughes and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 11: The Prince and Princess of Wales left Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit Portugal and France.

Viscountess Campden, Sir John Riddell, Bt, Mr Humphrey Mews, Mr Victor Chapman, Surgeon Commander Anthony Osborne, RN and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the annual Nepali supper at New Zealand House on February 24.

Royal post

Mr Robin Janvrin, Deputy Head of Personnel Operations Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has been appointed by the Queen to succeed Mr Victor Chapman as Assistant Press Secretary this summer.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the National Portrait Gallery to see the exhibition "Elizabeth II: Portraits of Sixty Years" at 2.45 pm.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception and dinner given by the Inner Temple at 6.15 pm.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the Stepney Jewish Clubs and Settlement, Beaumont Grove, E1, at 3.30 pm.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend a meeting of the Ladies Guild of the St John Opthalmic Hospital at 1 Grosvenor Crescent at 10.55 am.

The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Colonel of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), will attend a luncheon with officers of the regiment at the Army and Navy Club at 12.00.

Prince Michael of Kent will visit Vickers Defence Systems in Newcastle at 10 am.

The Mountbatten Festival of Music 1987

The Hon Michael John and Mrs Knatchbull were the principal guests last night at the first performance of the 1987 Mountbatten Festival of Music given by the massed bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines at the Albert Hall in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Royal Navy and Royal Marines and other service charities.

The festival, which is held each year, provides continuing tribute to the late Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, formerly Honorary Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines. The Commandant General Royal Marines and Lady Wilkins were the hosts. Other principal guests included:

The Netherlands Ambassador and Mme Jonkman, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Armed Forces and Mrs Freeman, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement and the Hon Mrs Hamilton, the First Sea Lord and Lady Staveley, Vice-Admiral Sir John and Lady Woodward, the Principal of the Royal Academy of Music and Lady Lumsden, the Masters of the Armourers' and Braziers' and Mariners' companies and their ladies.

Haileybury

The choir of Haileybury and the director of music, Mr Jack Hindmarsh, will give a choral and organ recital at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, at 1 pm, on Thursday, February 19, 1987.

Middle Temple

The Masters of the Bench have made the following awards:

Harmsworth (major) entrance exhibitions
T E Barraclough, Eastbourne Coll and Exeter Coll, Oxford; J R Dale, Monmouth S and Oriel Coll, Oxford; J R Grace, St Edward's Coll, Liverpool and Oriel Coll, Oxford; Miss K J Holland, Lady Manners S, Bakewell and Hertford Coll, Oxford; Miss J F R Lawson, The Perse S for Girls, Cambridge, Brasenose Coll, Oxford and the College of Europe; T J O'Neill, British S in the Netherlands and Girton Coll, Cambridge; R F W Porter, Campbell Coll, Belfast, & Pembroke Coll, Cambridge; Miss K E Tyler, Farnborough Hill Convent Coll, Farnborough Sixth Form Coll & St Hugh's Coll, Oxford.

Harmsworth (minor) entrance exhibitions
M W Brewer, Manchester GS and Wadham Coll, Oxford; A P Christie, Edinburgh Acad, Hertford Coll, Oxford and Downing Coll, Cambridge; Miss J E Cooke, Portsmouth HS and Downing Coll, Cambridge; P I Epstein, Haberdashers' Aske's S, Elstree and Balliol Coll, Oxford; S J Hobbs, Plymstock HS for Boys, Plymouth and Oriel Coll, Oxford; R P T Howe, Winchester and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; T A C Leech, Lancaster RGS and Wadham Coll, Oxford; Miss C S P Lewis, King Edward VI HS for Girls, Birmingham and Univ Coll, Oxford; P D Lowenstein, Westminster S, Manchester Univ and Queens' Coll, Cambridge; Miss A C McCormick, Bolton S and St Edmund Hall, Oxford; Miss M A H MacFarlane, St Cuthbert's Coll, Univ of Auckland and Balliol, Oxford; Miss S L Meadway, Poles Convent Boarding S, Ware, The London Oratory and St Catherine's Coll, Oxford; A J Moran, Wimbledon Coll, Univ Coll, London and New Coll, Oxford; P D Ozin, Carmel Coll, Wallingford and Balliol Coll, Oxford; D W Platt, Campbell Coll, Belfast and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Miss L J Smallwood, Guildford HS and Queens' Coll, Cambridge; N E J Vineall, Guildford RGS, Christ's Coll, Cambridge and Univ of Pittsburgh.

Entrance bursaries
M G Arnold, Rydal S and Downing Coll, Cambridge; Miss S N Barrowe, Bolton S and Downing Coll, Cambridge; Miss M T Egan, King Edward VI Camp Hill S for Girls and Newnham Coll, Cambridge; A D E Metzer, Haberdashers' Aske's S, Elstree and Wadham Coll, Oxford; A P Roberts, King Edward VI S, Southampton and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Miss M A-M Stekerdemian, Notting Hill and Ealing HS and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Miss C M Rabey, Blanchelande Coll, Guernsey, St Hugh's Coll, Oxford and Poly of Central London.
Archibald Safford prize
S C Bird, Ipswich S and Reading Univ; A P Le Sueur, Hautlieu S, Jersey and LSE. Miss R K Rahal, King Richard III S, Leicester, LSE and Darwin Coll, Cambridge.

Blind appeal

The Royal National College for the Blind in Hereford has sponsored its first Third World scholarship student, a partially sighted teacher of the blind from Malawi. The college has launched an appeal to raise £120,000 to endow the scholarship.

The one-year foundation course will enable the student to learn new methods of teaching and to study the latest specialist equipment available to the visually handicapped.

Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh

Professor V.M. Hawthorne, of the University of Mitchigan, and Professor L.K. Bhutani, of King Faisal University, Dammam, Saudi Arabia, have been elected fellows of the college. Dr D.R. Bowsher, of Liverpool, has been admitted to membership.

Sale room

Dealers set their hearts on Valentines

By Huon Mallalieu

Romantics were forced to roll up their sleeves and vie with dealers in a sale of Valentines and similar items at Phillips yesterday. Inevitably, given the world in which we live, the dealers generally won.

However, the highest price for a single card, £275, was paid by an anonymous private bidder.

This was not exactly a Valentine, since it was dated April 17, 1817, but it was an early example of a "Beehive" card, which was often used for the same purpose. The surface design is cunningly cut so that it can be raised by a thread to form an old-fashioned conical beeskip with another design or message showing beneath.

A large collection of some 300 chromolithographic Christmas, birthday, Easter and other greetings cards dating from 1870 went to Quadrille, of Portobello Road, at £374 (estimate £80-£120). This sale produced a total of £8,655, and only one card failed to find a new home.

At Sotheby's, a routine sale of nineteenth century European paintings made £310,420 with a little over 24 per cent bought in. An anonymous bidder paid £11,550 for a slightly unusual Venetian view by Jean François Rafaëlli, which the auctioneers had expected to make between £1,500 and £2,000. It showed a cold Serenissima with San Giorgio under snow.

A Millet-like subject, two reapers trudging home, by Josef Israels went to a Belgian dealer at £8,800 (estimate £3,000-£4,000).

In Chester, a Sotheby's sale of Oriental ceramics produced some remarkable prices for pieces which have been repaired.

A good example was the £902 paid for a large Chinese blue and white jardiniere of standard octagonal form and decorated with flowers and landscapes. This had recently been in at least two pieces (estimate £150-£200).

In Glasgow, Christie's Scotland took £1,650 from an Edinburgh dealer for a deceptively innocent looking Edwardian mahogany and boxwood dentist's cabinet (estimate £700-£900). This sale of clocks, furniture and scientific instruments made some £35,000, with about 4 per cent bought in.

● The price of the Hepplewhite-style chairs at Phillips in yesterday's sale room report should have read £6,050.



Oscar Shumsky, the violinist, and his son Eric, who plays the viola, rehearsing yesterday for a musical celebration at the weekend to mark Oscar Shumsky's 70th birthday. Concerts with the City of London Sinfonia, conducted by Richard Hickox, are to be held on Friday and Saturday at the Barbican Arts Centre (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Campion, musician and poet, London, 1567; Jan Swammerdam, entomologist, Amsterdam, 1637; Charles Darwin, naturalist, Shrewsbury, 1809; Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States 1861-65, Hodgenville, Kentucky, 1809; George Meredith, novelist, Portsmouth, 1828; Max Beckmann, Expressionist painter, Leipzig, 1884.

DEATHS: Lady Jane Grey, Queen of England July 10-July 19, 1553, executed, London, 1554; Gianbattista Marino, poet, Naples, 1625; Charles Le Brun, Versailles, 1690; Pierre Marivaux, novelist, Paris, 1763; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Germany, 1804.

Unsuccessful invasion by French troops on the Pembrokeshire coast, 1797.

Birthdays today

Lieutenant-General Sir John Akehurst, 57; General Sir John Archer, 63; Professor A.H. Beckett, 67; Miss Annette Crosbie, 53; Sir James Dunnett, 73; Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, 59; Lord Granville of Eye, 88; Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, 77; Mr Paul Hamlyn, 61; Mr Anthony Howard, 53; Sir Robin Mackworth-Young, 67; Lord Moyola, 64; Mr John Raisman, 57; Lord Wigoder, QC, 66; Mr Franco Zeffirelli, 64.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Edyvean and Miss J.C. Larcom
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs L.A. Edyvean, of Urchfont, Wiltshire, and Jane, daughter of Sir Christopher Larcom, Aphrodite, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and Lady Larcom, of *Earls Colne, Essex.*

Mr S.P. Clarke and Miss N.J.C. White
The engagement is announced between Stephen Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Clarke, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Nicola Jane Constance, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John White, of Priors Hardwick, Warwickshire.

Mr P.W. Chapple-Hyam and Miss K. Rimell
The engagement is announced between Peter William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Chapple-Hyam, of Bishop's Itchington, Warwickshire, and Katy, only daughter of Mr Guy Rimell, of Marbella, Spain, and Mrs Mary Rimell, of Throckmorton Court, near Pershore, Worcestershire.

Mr J.P. Crowe and Miss J.R. Hawley
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr J. Crowe and the late Mrs Crowe, of Crosby, and Ruth, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs W. Hawley, of Tidenham.

Mr H.G. Evans and Miss G.E.C. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Huw, son of Dr and Mrs John Evans, of Shipham, Somerset, and Gilly, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Marshall, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr M.C.W. Harrison and Miss B.M.M. Clayton
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs William Harrison, of Wartling, East Sussex, and Belinda, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Clayton, of East Lavington, West Sussex.

Captain J. Jeffries and Miss J. Griffiths
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs Louis Jeffries, of Kansas City, United States, and Joanna, daughter of Major Thomas Griffiths, MBE, and Mrs Griffiths.

Mr S.B. Kerruish and Miss S.L. de Jongh
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Kerruish, of San Clemente, Menorca, Spain, and Shanti, eldest daughter of Mr Jan de Jongh, of Heemstede, Holland, and Mrs Lygia Jacobs, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr J.G.V. Mathews and Miss M. Newton
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jim Mathews, of Trelech, Gwent, and Mandy, second daughter of the late Mr Horace Newton and Mrs G. Newton, of Barry, South Glamorgan.

Mr D.J. Nash and Miss P.C. Bedford
The engagement is announced between Duncan, elder son of Mrs C. Earrey, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon, and Philippa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Bedford, of Latimer, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P.W. Venn and Miss C.M. Charity
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Venn, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Charity, of Newton Green, Sudbury, Suffolk.

The Rev C.J. Walker and Miss R.L. Marr
The engagement is announced between Christopher John, son of the late Mr K.G. Walker and Mrs D.F. Walker, of Reading, Berkshire, and Rachel Letitia, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Marr, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr A. Wilkinson and Miss P.A. Davis
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of the late Mr Reginald Wilkinson and Mrs Elizabeth M. Wilkinson, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Patricia Ann, daughter of the late Jack M. Davis, MBE, and Mrs Marguerite A. Davis, of Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Marriage

Mr E. Ahlers and Miss S.C. Trickett
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 7, in Maidenhead, Berkshire, of Mr Eric Ahlers, son of the late Mr and Mrs Huibert Ahlers, of Amsterdam, and Miss Sarah Caroline Trickett, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Trickett, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

University news

St Andrews
The following honorary will be awarded in July:
DD: Professor Joseph Fitzmyer, professor emeritus of New Testament studies, Catholic University of America, Washington DC; the Rev James Porteous, Minister of St John's Kirk, Cupar; Bishop Krister Stendahl, Bishop of Stockholm.
DSc: Professor Kurt Hunger, professor of astrophysics, University of Kiel; Dr Aaron Klug, director of the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology.
DLitt: Mr John Mortimer, QC, playwright and author; Professor Otto Skutsch, emeritus professor of Latin at University College London.
LLD: Mr Robert Reid, Chairman and Chief Executive of Shell UK; Principal Adam Neville, of Dundee University.
MA: Mr John McCartney, Head Janitor and Bedellus at St Andrews University.

East Anglia
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:
MA: Mr Richard Condon, general manager of thr Theatre Royal, Norwich.
DCL: Judge Head, senior circuit judge in East Anglia.
LittD: Professor Wolfgang Mommsen, professor of history, Dusseldorf University.
ScD: Professor Sir Richard Southwood, FRS, professor of zoology and applied entomology, Imperial College London; and Professor John Trevor Stuart, FRS, professor of theoretical fluid mechanics at Imperial College.

York
Grants
Agricultural and Food Research Council £87,258 to Professor F M Leech to study the control of cellular protein synthesis in wheat leaves



Mr John Mortimer, QC: honoured by St Andrews.

Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign £62,001 to Dr J R Warr to research the isolation of genes conferring resistance to anti-cancer drugs using molecular biological techniques. Salters' Institute of Industrial Chemistry: £60,500 to Professor D J Waddington for support work on the proposed A-level course.
Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust: £50,00 to Mr B Cole for music in the community.

Nottingham
Dr Brian Stratford, a lecturer at the university, has been made a knight of the Order of St Gregory by the Pope for his research on Down's Syndrome.

Polytechnic news

Brighton
Professor Gordon Bull has been appointed dean of the faculty of information technology and Professor Kenneth Overshott is to be dean of the faculty of engineering and environmental studies. The head of the newly formed Research Institute is Professor John Boardman.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Signor Bettino Craxi, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy. Among the other guests were:
Signor Guilio Andreotti, Signor Oscar Scalfaro, Signor Filippo Maria Pandolfi, Signor Valerio Zanone, Signor Gelio Darida, the Italian Ambassador, Signor Boris Biancheri, Signor Giacomo Attolico, Signor Gennaro Acquaviva, Signor Antonio Lallarullo, Signor Luigi Guidobono Cavalchini, Signor Antonio Badini, Signor Leonardo Visconti di Modrone, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Mr Paul Channon, MP, Lord Bridges, Mr David Williamson, Mr Derek Andrews, Mr Derek Thomas, Mr Roy Williams, Mr Michael Partridge and Mr Charles Powell.

HM Government
Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at *Lancaster House in honour of* Dr Denis Worrall, the South African Ambassador.

HM Government
Mr Tim Eggar, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Royal Society.

Lunchtime Comment Club
Canon John Oates was the guest speaker at a luncheon held by the Lunchtime Comment Club at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Mr S. John Holt, chairman, presided.

Dinner

London House
Mr Stephen Carden presided and received the guests with the director and Mrs David Emms at the accountancy dinner held at London House last night. Among those present were:
Mr Derek Boothman, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Mr and Mrs R Goodenough, Mr A Hetherin, Mr S Scrope, Mr I Pearce, Professor M Bromwich and Mr W Thomson.

OBITUARY

SIR JOHN BURGESS

Son of Cumbria and media chief

Sir John Burgess, OBE, TD, a former chairman of Reuters, the Press Association and Border Television, died on February 10. He was 74.

Burgess was a leading figure in the provincial press for more than 40 years. He was intensely proud of three things - his Cumbrian birthright, his service with the Border Regiment and the fact that he had succeeded his father not only as chairman of Cumbrian Newspapers, but also as chairman of the Press Association.

A stocky, florid-faced figure he was great company and a strong upholder of old virtues and traditions. Throughout his life he gave great support and unstinting advice to many young journalists.

John Lawrie Burgess was born in Carlisle on September 17, 1912, and was educated at Trinity College, Glenalmond.

He learned journalism at the *Cumberland Evening News* and throughout his life boasted that he was first and foremost a reporter and still liked to file copy to his newspaper.

He spent some time in Australia in the 1930s, working on sheep stations. He had a great love for that country and its people.

As a territorial officer he joined the Border Regiment at the outbreak of the Second World War. He saw action in France and North Africa and later commanded his regiment's fourth battalion during Chindit campaign.

He was appointed OBE and was mentioned in dispatches.

In 1945 he returned to Carlisle and the paper which was to be his abiding interest for the rest of his life. He joined the Board of PA in 1950, was chairman in 1955, and in 1959 became chairman of Reuters, a post he was to hold until 1968.

During that time he travelled to many Reuter offices throughout the world and particularly enjoyed meeting Commonwealth journalists, for he was a firm suporter of the Commonwealth Press Union, on whose council he served for many years.

As chairman of Border Television from 1960 to 1981, he became a resolute opponent of Scottish devolution when that issue arose in the 1970s. He feared unbridled nationalism, and made no bones about his belief that, since his viewers were drawn from both sidees of the border, any move towards Scottish independence would be dangerous to his company.

He was a member of the council of the Newspaper Society for 35 years until 1982. In 1972 he was knighted for his services to Cumbria and the newspaper industry.

He gave his interests as "dowsing and anything to do with Cumbria" and he served Carlisle and the county in many ways. He was High Sheriff in 1969 and a JP of the City for 30 years.

He was also a devoted member of the Garrick Club.

In 1948 he married Alice Elizabeth (Betty) Gillieron who survives him with two sons and a daughter.

LADY ELIZABETH BYNG

Lady Elizabeth Byng, who died at Wrotham Park, Barnet, on January 14, at the age of 89, had served in naval intelligence in both world wars, and was later an enthusiastic and knowledgeable farmer.

She was born on February 12, 1897, the elder daughter of the 6th Earl of Strafford.

In 1928 she married, in Nairobi, Captain Michael Lafone, but the marriage was dissolved in 1931 and she returned home to her father's house.

During the First World War she worked in naval intelligence, at the Admiralty. Here, in the famous Room 40, where wireless traffic between German naval vessels was intercepted, she was employed on plotting the positions of enemy submarines and surface ships.

When the Second World War broke out she was, on the strength of this experience, invited to Bletchley Park, where the "Enigma" traffic was being decoded. Domestic commitments, particularly the care of her young son, were difficult to combine with the rigours of the Bletchley regime, and she was not able to stay long.

But she subsequently worked for the Women's Voluntary Services during the Blitz, driving a van to deliver clothes for families who had been bombed out, in the East End of London. When the Blitz was over she worked in an electrical factory at Borehamwood until the end of the war.

When her father died in 1951 she inherited the Wrotham Park estate, and resumed her maiden name, in accordance with the terms of his will. She farmed keenly, and took particular interest in the expansion of the Wrotham Jersey herd, one of the oldest in the world.

She also followed the Turf, and bred several successful hurdlers and steeplechasers. Notable among these was the Wrotham Park-bred Counsel Cottage, with which she won the Sun Alliance Novice Hurdle at Cheltenham in 1977.

She was an early supporter of the organic farming methods of the Soil Association and she arranged for her father to purchase its research farm at Haughley, Suffolk, when it got into financial difficulties in 1951.

After her father's death she allowed the association to occupy the farm, rent free, until 1967, when its position was sufficiently improved to permit it to repurchase it from her.

In 1976 she handed over the running of Wrotham Park to her son Julian Byng, who survives her.

MISS JANET QUIGLEY

Miss Janet Quigley, MBE, who died on February 7, at the age of 84, made a major contribution to extending the frontiers of women's broadcasting, through her editorship of *Woman's Hour* from 1950 to 1956.

Jane Muriel Alexander Quigley was born in Belfast on May 10, 1902. She read English at Oxford and, after a period in publishing, joined the BBC in 1930.

During the war she made her mark with radio features for women, which brought modern preoccupations to bear on the hitherto cosy treatment of what was supposed to be going on on the Home Front. She was appointed MBE for this work in 1944.

In 1945 she married the Irish writer, Kevin FitzGerald, and left the BBC for several years. But she was back in 1950, and in that year was appointed editor of *Woman's Hour*.

Under her stewardship the process of broadening its scope, which had been under way since it got its first woman editor in 1947, was dramatically accelerated.

Cruelty to children, marriage and divorce, spinsterhood and homosexuality were all topics which raised eyebrows, largely, it must be said those of male listeners and some BBC staff, to whom women's broadcasting ought to have remained a matter of knitting patterns and kitchen activities. Indeed a predecessor at *Woman's Hour*, had been severely rapped over the knuckles for permitting a discussion of the menopause, on the air.

But Miss Quigley was unrepentant. "It is our duty to bring hush-hush topics into the open" she memoed colleagues, "no subject which concerns our listeners need be taboo".

International affairs were also deemed to be woman's fare, for the first time. The programme achieved greater liveliness from the control she had of it, and she was the first to have her own team of editors.

From 1956 to 1962, when she retired, she was chief assistant of Talks (sound) at the BBC.

Her husband survives her.

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J. S. writes:

I first met Eva Rosebery (obituary January 31) ten years ago. Then in her 85th year she was, for a young man, an awesome but fascinating figure.

She was a tangible link with history; her father-in-law had succeeded Gladstone as prime minister, yet here she was living in the age of high technology.

Although she made light of it, she felt deeply the passing of what was her home for nearly fifty years. Those who saw her leave for the last time as its chatelaine will not forget her stoicism, or how she went - by a back door.

Horses and the name of Rosebery are of course synonymous, and she continued that tradition even after her husband's death. A daring and resourceful womman, she took a risk on the hunting field once too often and was left with a damaged foot.

I well remember driving down a narrow Suffolk lane, with her at the wheel of her Bentley, talking animatedly about the church we were searching for, her good foot poised above the brake, and her walking stick jammed hard down on the accelerator.

She was then very nearly ninety.

Air Commodore Edmund Francis Waring, CBE, DFC, AFC, who died on February 4, at the age of 87, gave distinguished service to the RAF in maritime operations.

He won a DFC in 1918 for sinking a German submarine.

In the Second World War, as deputy director of air-sea rescue, he was responsible for a new design of self righting liferaft.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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1 Corinthians 3 : 9

BIRTHS

BATES - On February 8th, to Susan (née Hitchman) and Neil, a daughter, Sarah Lucy, a sister for Hana.

BELL - On February 7th 1987, to Janie (née Needham) and John, a delightful daughter, Lettice, a sister for Daisy.

BERNEY- On February 7th, at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon to Sheena (née Day) and Sir Julian Berney Bt, a son (Hugo Ralph), a brother to William and Jessica

BICKERSTETH - On February 10th in Sydney, to Cecily (née Paterson) and Julian, a daughter, Tamsin Mary.

CHOEGYAL - On January 30th 1987, to Lisa and Tenzing, a son, Sangjay Thomas.

COSTA - On February 6th, to Fiona (née Morgan Williams), and Kenneth, a son, Henry John Hugh, a brother for Georgina and Charles.

DOWLING - On February 4th, to Shelley, (née Marquess), and Christopher, a son, Nicholas Robin, a brother for Michael.

KEMBALL - On February 10th to Deborah (née Grover) and Benjamin, a son, Nicholas Hugo Day.

LOMAS - On January 31st, at St Luke's, Guildford, to Jane (née Allen) and Tudor, a son, Theodore Joseph Mainthorpe, a brother for Alice Jemima.

MARTIN-BIRD - On February 4th, at Epsom District Hospital, to Harriet (née Lambert) and Alastair, a daughter Victoria Helen.

MORRISON - On February 10th, to Sandra (née Cunningham) and Campbell, a son, James Alexander.

PEARCE - On February 10th at the Portland Clinic, to Sarah (née Dickson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Lucy Lydia Rae, a sister for Daisy.

ROBINSON - On February 10th, at Guy's Hospital to Anne (née Scott) and Michael, a daughter, Katherine Laura, a sister for Nichola, Alexander and Christopher.

SANDIFER - On February 11th 1987, at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, to Anna and Quentin, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth.

SURTEES - On February 8th, to Fanny (née Tatton-Brown) and David, a daughter, Rosamund Daphne Patricia, a sister for Jonathan.

TOMS - On February 7th, to Sue (née Jephcott) and Dr. David, a son, Matthew Howard, a brother for Louise, Andrew and Victoria.

VAN GRUISEN - See Choegyal.

WAY - On February 6th, to Judy (née Williams) and Patrick, a son, Frederick William Patrick, a brother for Oliver.

ADOPTIONS

TAYLOR In January 1986, by Vivienne and Michael, a son Alexander Frederick, a brother for Charlotte.

DEATHS

ALLAN - On February 9th, in his 83 year, Maurice Bellerby, beloved husband of Sybil and father of John and Rodney. Cremation, private, donations for The Horse Farm Trust may be sent to John Heath and Sons, Funeral Directors, 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield.

BURGESS - On February 10th, at the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle, after a short illness, Sir John, aged 74, husband of Betty, father of Anne, Robin and Charlie. Funeral private. Memorial Service in Carlisle to be arranged. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Calvert Trust for the Disabled, Old Windebrowe, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4NT.

CHAMBERS - On February 7th 1987, Frank D, aged 63, formerly of Liverpool, in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, after an illness, loving husband of Anita and father of Angela and Jennie.

CHAPPLES - On Friday 6th February, 1987, Sarah, in her 80th year, peacefully in Musgrave Hospital, Reading. Cremation at Reading Crematorium on Thursday 12th February, 1987, at 3.30pm. Enquiries to A B Walker and Son, 36, Eldon Road, Reading. Tel: 0734 55650

CHAPPEL - On February 10th 1987, John Trasr C.B.E. (Jimmy), devoted husband to Beryl, loving father and grandpa. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please.

CHARLTON - On 8th February, Beryl Ruby, after a long illness, very bravely borne, devoted and dearly loved wife of Anthony, Service at Charing Crematorium, Kent, on Monday 16th February at 3.30pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Hosley Abbas Unit, C/O, Francis Chappell, Boundary Place, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent.

COVE - On February 10th, at Middlesex Hospital, John G.H. beloved husband of Rosemary, brother of David, Peter and the late Gordon. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, SW1, at 12 Noon on February 16th, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations in lieu to Middlesex or Moorfields Hospitals. C/O J H Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London W8.

FORSTER - On February 10th 1987, peacefully, Nancy Janet (Jane), aged 72 years, mucked loved mother of Antony, Cameron, Glen, Claire and Nick. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday 18th February at 11.40 am. Family only. Flowers to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3 by 10.30 am.

FRITH - On February 8th 1987, suddenly at home, Norman Jonathan, aged 61. Private funeral at The Downs Crematorium. Brighton 2pm on Monday 16th February. Memorial Service at Brighton College will be announced later. Flowers to: Wm Collins & Son, 12 Mill Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

HALL - On February 9th, Archdeacon Edgar Francis, Canon Emeritus of Exeter Cathedral, in his 99th year. Dearly loved Father and Grandfather. Funeral at Lessdon Church on Tuesday February 17th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Lessdon church. No letters please.

LUDOWYK-GYOMROI - On February 11th, peacefully in London, Edith aged 90, she will be sadly missed by her many friends. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday 18th February at 2.10 pm.

MYERS - On February 7th, Barbara Alice (née Zimen) aged 69, unexpectedly in hospital without much pain. Dearly loved wife of Hugh, sister of John, Geoffrey and Robert, daughter of the late Sol and Nell. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, Friday 13th at 2pm. Friends welcome at her home after the service and always. Flowers if wished. She would probably prefer gifts to charity.

NOBLE - On February 9th at home, Andrew Alistair (Karl), much loved of all his family and friends. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday February 17th at 11.00 am. No flowers please.

PHILLIPS - On February 7th 1987, peacefully in hospital, Margaret Gwyneth, aged 76 years, of Hillcroft, Moats Tye, Stowmarket, Suffolk. Beloved wife of John. Funeral service at Stowmarket United Reformed Church on Tuesday February 17th at 12.30 pm. Flowers, or donations if preferred for Cancer Research, may be sent c/o L. Fulcher Ltd., Crown Street, Stowmarket.

REAY - On 10th February 1987, in hospital, John Edwin Reay (Lt. Commdr. RNR), aged 67 years, dearly loved husband of Helene and father of Charles and Clive. Funeral Service at Croydon Crematorium on Tuesday 17th February at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

ROBINSON - On February 9th 1987, Flora, widow of Nigel Francis Maltby Robinson, late of Nottingham and Blackheath.

ROWE - On February 11th, in his 80th year, peacefully and suddenly at home, Claude Alastair Blyth, darling husband of Jean. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

ROSE - On 10th February 1987, peacefully in Jersey, William Arthur, screen writer, father of Alison and Kindred, born Missouri, 1918. Pitcher and Le Quesne Ltd, Funeral Directors, Tel 0534 77935.

SHEPHERD - On February 8th, at home after a short illness, Barbara of Foxhole, Old Down, Tockington, Bristol. Funeral at St. Mary's, Olveston at 12.45 pm on Friday 13th February, 1987.

SHRIMPLIN - On 8th February, at home in Harpenden, Clifford Shrimplin. Funeral Service at The Vale Crematorium, Stopsley, Luton, on Friday 13th February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to the Friends of Harpenden Memorial Hospital, Carlton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

SMART - On February 5th 1987, suddenly in Cambridge, Elspeth Wilson, wife of the late Dr John Smart. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday February 17th at 10.30 am. Family flowers only.

STACY - On February 10th, Diane Mary Elaine, aged 65, beloved wife of Douglas and loving mother of Hazel, Peter and John. Service Friday February 13th at Chichester Crematorium at 4pm. Enquiries to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester. Tel 782136.

SULLIVAN - On Saturday 7th February, peacefully at Northampton, Ann, aged 95 years, of Southport and lately of Lavendon Grange, Olney, Buckinghamshire, dearly loved by her own family and the families to whom she was a loving nanny. A Requiem Mass takes place at Our Lady and St Laurence, West Street, Olney, on Thursday 12th February at 12 noon. Flowers please to H W Mason and Sons, Funeral Directors, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. Tel 0908 611112.

TOOMBS - On February 8th, peacefully at home, Harry Ashley F.L.S., F.G.S., dearly loved husband of Lorna, loving father of Jennifer and grandfather of Ian. Funeral Service Thursday February 12th at Finden Crematorium.

TRAILL - On February 1st 1987, peacefully at East Fortune Hospital, David, aged 77 years, of Northwood Hill Road, Gullane, dearly loved husband of Maxine Claire and beloved father of Elizabeth and Ian, devoted grandfather of Laura, Judith and Ewan.

VAN DE VELDE - On February 6th 1987, Rosa Aniela (née Gielgud) peacefully in hospital after a short illness, formerly of Redcliff Gardens, SW10. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium 11.30am on Monday 16th February. No flowers but donations in lieu to Cancer Relief.

WARREN - On February 2nd, peacefully in Hastings, Edward Charles, aged 91, father of Kenneth. A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Crypt of The House Of Commons on March 2nd at Noon.

WASHINGTON - On February 10th 1987, suddenly in a Cambridge Nursing Home, Horace, Genealogist and sometime member of Trinity College, Cambridge. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday February 17th 1987 at 4.30pm.

WAUCHOPE - On February 11th peacefully in Adelaide, South Australia, Elma Mary Lisgen beloved wife of the late Captain Colin Wauchope C.B.E., D.S.O., R.N. and much loved mother of Peter, William and Mary.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LADD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William C Ladd will be held at Chelsea Parish Church of St. Luke, Sydney Street, at 12 noon on Thursday 12th March.

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PIERCE-GOULDING - A Memorial Service for Lt. Col. Terence Pierce-Goulding, MBE, CD, late Director of the Commonwealth Press Union, will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, 5th March 1987 at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

BRANDON - The funeral service for Cyril Henry Brandon will be Putney Vale on Wednesday 18 at 11.00 am. Flowers to Farebrother Funeral service, 21 London Road, Kingston, Surrey, or, if preferred, a donation to Middlesex Country RFU Memorial Trust, 41 Station Rd, North Harrow, Middx, HA2 7XX

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **THE AMEN CORNER:** Powerful James Baldwin drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and family.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (01-328 8626). Tube: Kilburn. Mon to Sat 8-10.50pm, matinée Sat 4-6.50pm, £3-£6. Until Feb 28.

☆ **CABARET:** Muddled revival of this musical tale of 1930s Berlin. Toyah Wilcox meets Wayne Sleep.
Strand Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 4143/5190). Tube: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon to Thurs 7.30-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5-7.45pm, £9-£16.50.

☆ ***CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL:*** Colin Blakely in attractive Ayckbourn transfer from the NT: how to break hearts and wreak havoc by being tremendously good-natured.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686/7 or 01-434 1050). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.20pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.50pm. £3.50-£13.50. Until March 7.

☆ **DAVE ALLEN LIVE:** Last week to catch this relaxed look at life.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.35pm. £5.50-£13.50. Until Feb 14.

☆ **GHOSTS:** Vanessa Redgrave in peak form in Ibsen's unnerving masterpiece.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 3-6.30pm, £4.50-£13.50. Until Feb 14.

★ **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA:** Glenda Jackson and Joan Plowright in Lorca's grim drama of female sexual frustration. A soft centre weakens the impact.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667, cc 01-741 9999). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Fri 8-10.10pm. Sat 8.30-10.40pm, matinée Sat 5-7.10pm. £6-£14.50. Until Apr 18.

★ **KING LEAR:** Anthony Hopkins's violent old man pre-eminent in a *mighty production.*
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tues 7-10.35pm, £5-£13.

☆ **LILLIAN:** How Lillian Hellman played her part in Hitler's downfall and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Tue-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat and Sun 3-5pm, £6-£12. Until March 14.

☆ **THE MAINTENANCE MAN:** John Alderton plays a dim husband worried by his women.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5.30-7.30pm. £4-£12.50. Until Feb 14.

☆ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR:** Shakespeare updated to the 1950s with spivs and teds. Short on magic but full of apt visual jokes. Great fun.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican, EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 9891). Tube: Barbican. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.45pm, matinée Sat and Thurs 2-5.15pm, £5-£12.50.

★ **THE PIED PIPER:** Last performances of this rollicking children's show: pop Browning and the rocking rodents.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Thurs and Fri 10.30-12.20pm and 2-3.50pm. £3-£6. Until Feb 17.

★ **ROAD:** A welcome return for the scorchingly brilliant account of life and sex in dead-end Britain.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.20pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 4-6.20pm. £3-£12. Until Feb 28.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story: a limited viewpoint but still effective.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tue to Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm. £4-£11.50.

★ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** A radiant, richly inventive production by the touring Cheek by Jowl company. Shakespeare with joy.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon to Sat 7.30-9.40pm, matinée Thurs 2.30-4.40pm, Sat 3-5.10pm, £5-£8. Until Feb 14.

★ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** The Arthur Miller season continues *with this 1950s drama of* unacknowledged desire. Stars Michael Gambon.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Thurs 7-9.30pm, Fri-Sat 7.30-10pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5pm. £5-£16. Sold out until March 14.

☆ **WONDERFUL TOWN:** Marvellous Maureen Lipman in Bernstein's zippy musical.
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/1166/7 or 01-439 3849). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm. £6-£16. Until March 28.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 *3036)* . . . ★ **Cats:** *New London* Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ **Our Day Out:** Willy Russell's calamity-packed school outing show.
Playhouse Theatre, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £3-£5. Until March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, until March 14.

HAYES: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets. Siegfried Sassoon and *Wilfred Owen.*
Beck Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes, Middx (01-561 7506). Mon to Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2-4.30pm, Sat 2.30-5pm. £4.50-£5.75. Until Feb 14.

LEEDS: ★ **Camille.** First performance outside the West End of Pam Gems' starring tear-jerker. With Diane Katis.
Playhouse Theatre, Caverley Street (0532 442111) Mon and Tue 8-10.10pm, Wed to Sat 7.30-9.40pm. Until March 7.

LEICESTER: ★ **Orestes/Electra:** Obsession and madness in Ancient Greece: Nancy Meckler's fresh look at Euripedes.
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.45-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.30pm, £3, until Feb 14.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford upon Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm. £5-£16.50.

SUNDERLAND: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company.
Empire Theatre, High Street West (0783 42517). *Henry IV Part One* today 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 11.00am-2.00pm, *Henry IV Part Two* Fri 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, Henry V Sat 8-11pm. £2.50-£6.50.

YORK: ☆ **:Rebecca:** Manderley lives again. Will the second Mrs de Winter hold out against the forces of evil? With Tamsin Oliver and Gary Bond.
Theatre Royal, St Leonards Place, York (0904 23568) Mon, Tue, and Thurs 7.30-10pm, Wed 7-9.30pm. Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm. £3.25-£6.50. Until Feb 28.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
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ESCALIER C (15): A cynical, misanthropic art critic gets his comeuppance. Based on a prizewinning novel by Elvire Murail; directed, uncertainly, by Jean-Charles Tacchella (101 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

INSPECTOR LAVARDIN (15): Claude Chabrol at his old game — baiting the bourgeoisie in a cynical thriller, with Jean Poiret as the insolent cop pursuing the case of a Catholic writer found naked and dead on a Brittany beach (103 min).
☎ **Chelsea Cinema,** King Road (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

A JUDGEMENT IN STONE (15): Ruth Rendell's novel about a plain Jane illiterate who becomes a killer, carelessly filmed in Canada by Ousama Rawi. With Rita Tushingham (93 min).
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193) Progs 3.10, 5.10, 8.40.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS (15): Well-behaved tearjerker with Mary Tyler Moore as the woman forced from her domestic shell by her husband's infidelity. With Ted Danson, written and directed by Allan Burns (111 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) *Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.*
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Progs 2.25, 5.00, 7.30, 10.10.

THE KEEP (18): Cock-eyed World War II fantasy in which German troops wake up a supernatural being in a Romanian fortress. Directed by Michael Mann, creator of *Miami Vice* (95 min).
☎ **ICA Cinematheque,** The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647) Progs 6.30, 8.30.

A LOVE BEWITCHED (PG): De Falla's ballet El Amor Brujo — stylishly filmed by Carlos Saura — his third collaboration with Antonio Gades' ballet troupe (97 min).
☎ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG): Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure based on Paul Theroux's novel about a family taking refuge from fast foods and vulgarity in Central America's rivers and jungle (119 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18):** Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.15, 2.40, 5.25, 8.15.

ROCINANTE (PG): Ambitious exploration of British society and politics from the Cinema Action collective, sabotaged by a pretentious script. With John Hurt as a romantic dreamer forced to face reality (93 min).
☎ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.30.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20.

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's *testament — a* starkly beautiful parable, shot in Sweden, with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end (149 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 2.10, 5.05, 8.10.

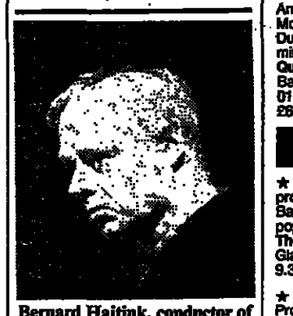
SALVADOR (18): Vivid political drama set in Central America, inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, James Belushi (123 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.30, 8.10.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 8.20.

SHORT CIRCUIT (PG): Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. Inventive comic romp for teenagers, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg (99 min).
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.35, 6.10, 8.50.

■ **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):** Animated version of Raymond Briggs's best-seller about a placid old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft provide the voices (85 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs 1.30, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.
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☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Ave** (01-836 8861) Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.00, 8.45.

CONCERTS

★ **ROWICKI/RPO:** Witold Rowicki conducts the RPO in Rossini's *Semiramide* Overture, Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade,* and Paul Tortelier (cello) is heard in Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a Rococo Theme.*
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). *7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£14.*



Bernard Haitink, conductor of tonight's Garden Concert at Covent Garden. This is the first time that the Royal Opera's orchestra has come out of the pit for an orchestral concert. The programme comprises the Shostakovich Symphony No 5 and works by Britten and Mozart. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 8pm. £1-£12. The concert is repeated on Saturday.

☆ **SKROWACZEWSKI/HALLÉ:** Barber's *Medea's Meditation and Dance of Vengeance* and William Schuman's *Song of Orpheus* are uncommon items in this programme by the Hallé Orchestra under Stanislaw Skrowaczewski. But it ends with Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£9.

☆ **GERVASE DE PEYER:** The great clarinettist plays sonatas by Mikiós Rozsa, Michael Cave, a sonatina by Joseph Horowitz and other pieces dedicated to or premièred by him. Gwennath Pryor is at the piano.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£5.

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DAVID BOMBERG: For 20 *years after Bomberg's death in* 1957 he was almost completely forgotten, but is now back in fashion. This show of paintings and drawings coincides with the publication of a new book on the artist by Richard Cork (Yale University Press, £55).
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AN A-Z OF PRINTS AND DRAWINGS: There are more than two million items stored in the British Museum printroom, many of which are rarely, if ever, seen. This show focuses on them.
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BRUCE NAUMAN: This mid-career American artist has been inadequately shown in Britain until now but his best known sculptures and installations are made from coloured neon tubing.
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TALKS

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Darwin Theatre, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1 (01-387 7050). 1.20pm, free.

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TAXATION IN THE UK: WHY AND HOW IT SHOULD BE REFORMED: Talk by John Kay for the Oxford University Economics Society.
New Seminar Room, St Johns College, Oxford (0865 246581). 8.15pm, free.

THE HORSE IN MEDIEVAL LIFE: Informal workshop and talk given by John Clark, a member of the museum's staff.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). 1pm, free.

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British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-373 7111).

ROY FULLER: Readings by one of Britain's best-known contemporary poets. Julian Symons introduces the evening.
National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Reception 6.30pm, reading 7.30pm, adult £2, child £1.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH: Booking for performances in Nottingham, with première of *Daphne* by Richard Strauss in production by Philip Prowse; Graham Vick's production of *The Abduction from the Seraglio;* plus *La traviata* and *La Bohème.* May 27-June 6.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham. (0602 472328).

LAST CHANCE

THE QUEEN OF SPADES: Last performance tonight of David Pountney's ENO production, with Sarah Walker and Alan Woodrow. Lionel Friend conducts. 7pm.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. (01-836 3161 cc 01-240 5258).

WATERCOLOURS AND PRINTS: Made last summer by members of the Royal Society of Painters in *Watercolour. Ends today.*
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THE ARTS

DANCE

Spirit & Energy
The Place

During seven weeks The Place is presenting an ambitious season of 25 dance companies, groups or soloists. They are eclectically chosen, the criterion being that the new director of the theatre there, John Ashford, likes their work. The first presentation reveals that among the qualities he enjoys are *Spirit & Energy*, that being the title of the show presented by Union Dance Company.

Corrine Bongaard started Union in 1983 with a lot of high ideals about bringing together the dance cultures of different races. Herself from South Africa, but trained in London and New York, she preserves a trace of Indian dancing from her initial programme in one number, but otherwise presents a show based on western contemporary dance forms including jazz, with its strong black influence. The four male dancers are British and black; the other three women are white.

The idealism now has gone into giving opportunities to young dancers and choreographers, bringing dance to young audiences and drawing some themes from African tribal traditions and political struggles. Unfortunately the serious bits of the programme are the least good: neither Bongaard nor her collaborators make their points at all clear in action.

What they do best is to provide light entertainment. Stuart Thomas has a fast and furious solo of his own choreography to music by the Blues Brothers, *Old Landmark*, preceded by an imitation of a wild gospel creature which permits a throwaway joke at the end. Thomas also plays second fiddle to Karen Estabrook's high-stepping swagger in *Daybreak Express*, with music by Duke Ellington.

A mildly comic duet arranged by Jon Smart for Thomas with Garner Harris is based on the contrast between their personalities; it would be funnier if it lived up to its title, *Slapstick*.

John Percival

Drama proves hard to achieve

OPERA

Norma
Covent Garden

A remarkable, and much needed, change came over the new production of Bellini's *Norma* after the interval on the opening night. The first act — and not many operas outside Wagner have longer first acts than *Norma* — had been tension-ridden. Most of these insecurities stemmed from Margaret Price, singing the title-role for the first time in London, who appeared to be trying to decide whether Bellini's High Priestess should be in her repertory or not.

"Casta diva", delivered with a blessed softness of timbre and a perfect sense of legato, suggested most certainly that it should. The following cabaletta, "Bello a me ritorna", with its taxing runs and a final note that was badly muffed, put question-marks over whether this really was her role. All the old truisms about the ability to deal with cantilena and the gift of pure stamina rarely marching hand in hand — and hence the tiny quantity of sopranos really capable of tackling Norma — began to raise their heads.

Margaret Price responded by ducking her head and concentrating on producing beautiful sounds rather than bringing out the drama of Bellini's score. Sir John Pritchard, who had begun affairs at sprightly military medium pace, engaged slower and slower tempi. Norma's introspection spread through to the other singers, with only Alicia Nafé as Adalgisa showing real vigour and character. At the interval this *Norma*, of which much had been expected, was a pallid and bloodless creature desperately needing to throw off its self-imposed restraint.

Then came the change. Perhaps Sir John Tooley gave his team an interval talk: if so, then he should surely go into football management when he retires from Covent Garden. Margaret Price came out in a burnt orange gown in place of her midnight blue one and the voice immediately warmed up with the colour. She delivered Norma's opening monologue on child-murder with an authority and confidence that told more about Bellini's unhappy mother than the previous 90 minutes had revealed. The ensuing duets with Adalgisa struck right through to the heart of Bellini, with those soft and


Clive Barda

Recovering from an insecure start by concentration on beautiful sound: Margaret Price with Giuseppe Giacomini

feminine melodies suddenly switching into a mood of bellicosity.

"Mira, o Norma" found soprano and mezzo inspiring one another as they had failed to do in the first half, and Pritchard in his silkiest mood. Alicia Nafé turned into an Adalgisa of very high class, never trying to outshine her Norma and always providing support — and Adalgisa is in essence a support role as she alone among the principals has no aria. Miss Price carried her new-found command right through to the final ascent to the pyre and, ever the musician, reserved some of her most finely shaped singing for the closing duet, "Qual cor tradisti", by which time she had got on terms with her Pollione. This was the Norma we had come to hear.

The Roman Proconsul is not a popular role among tenors. Giuseppe Giacomini took a liberty or two with the opening aria and then settled down to give a stolid performance: the tenor is too unvaried and occasionally course-grained. But there is plenty of reliability and Giacomini seemed unperturbed by the Act I tenseness. Gwynne Howell's Oroveso makes a good shot at providing the lyric bass Bellini was seeking.

Rarely can a hairier chorus of druidic warriors have assembled to fight the Romans. When they settled down for a little spear-sharpening before the final scene they looked as though they had just done service with Conan the Barbarian, right down to the black leather cut-away kit complete with thongs. Vocally they were on decent form apart from an occasional pitch-loss.

John Copley's production goes back to the old-fashioned virtues of making things as easy as possible for his principals: sensible groupings, clear motivation. Not for him Andrei Serban's feminist *Norma*, with priestess and acolyte going off hand-in-hand to the flames leaving Pollione to live — and maybe even love — another day. At Covent Garden it is Norma and Adalgisa who walk towards a rather pretty pink glow.

The costumes are generally hideous, though prettiness is the sin of Robin Don's unconvincing sets, with Norma's cave looking more like a submarine grotto and Irminsul's blasted oak sitting oddly beneath a cerulean sky as friendly as the one Mr Don devised for *When I Was a Girl*. But interest will focus less on skyscapes than on whether Margaret Price can raise her Act I Norma to the level of Act II. With the help of Pritchard, most experienced of Bellini conductors, there is a good chance.

John Higgins

With a view to a triumph . . .

Britain once again emerged strongly in the nominations for this year's Oscars, announced in Hollywood yesterday: Chris Peachment assesses how much it means to the home film industry

With the distant cry of "The British are coming" now just a forgotten echo in the corridors of Tinseltown, the British are once again strong contenders in the Oscar nominations, announced yesterday. The major front-runner over which the inside commentators are congratulating themselves is the American picture *Platoon*, a grim tell-it-like-it-was portrait of life in the front line in Vietnam from a relative outsider, Oliver Stone. Altogether it has gathered eight nominations, including Best Picture of the Year. But the major surprise is that the British *Room With a View*, a quiet, literate film from the Merchant-Ivory team, of the sort which spells quality to the Americans and is duly relegated to the Best Costumes slot, is running neck and neck with *Platoon* with what must be an unprecendented eight nominations including Best Picture.

Maggie Smith and Denholm Elliott each gains a nomination for Best Supporting Actor and Actress, James Ivory gains one for Best Director, and the film is also nominated in the categories of Best Art Direction, Cinematography, Costume Design and Screenplay Based on Material from Another Medium.

The Mission, which has done less well at the American box-office than Goldcrest had hoped, and which has garnered a few critical caveats in the States, is also nominated for Best Picture, with Roland Joffé in the Best Director category. Michael Caine gathers a Best Supporting Actor nomination for his role as Hannah's husband in Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters*; this will be his fourth nomination so far, although he has yet to win an Oscar. But the best news for a British individual is undoubtedly Bob Hoskins's nomination in the Best Actor category.

While this is his first nomination, Hoskins is a known and much-loved face in America, where he first


Fourth time lucky?: Michael Caine in *Hannah and Her Sisters*, nominated as best supporting actor

came to notice in *The Long Good Friday* as a rotund cockney hood of small stature, prompting a thousand reviewers to the adjective "lovable" and leading Francis Coppola to cast him in a similar role as Owney Madden, the proprietor in *The Cotton Club*.

Also in the Best Actor category are William Hurt, Dexter Gordon and James Woods; but the stiffest competition that Hoskins faces is certainly Paul Newman, nominated for his role as Fast Eddy in Martin Scorsese's *The Color of Money*, which is a reprise of the part he played in *The Hustler* some 25 years ago. Newman was nominated then, but failed to gain the Oscar. This time, he might gain the conscience vote.

If Hoskins wins the Oscar, however, this would have major overtones not just for his career but for Britain's film industry too. The fee which he could then command would leap the first million-dollar hurdle; but he would also be well on his way to being Britain's first international cinema star to emerge since the Sixties. Britain can only boast three top-line stars at the box-office, of whom Michael Caine is the only one never to have played James Bond. Should Hoskins make the right career moves in the immediate future, Britain could be back with a strong command of foreign box-office receipts.

The effect upon British film production of the possible rewards from so many nominations is a shade less predictable. Since Goldcrest's notorious nosedive, after the disastrous expense of *Revolution*, backers have been extremely wary of an industry which seems to have lost its flagship. The industry seems like one of those bathroom toys, paddling like fury, but swimming in ever-decreasing circles. All of these nominations might just make the city men sit up and take notice once again.


Best director?: Roland Joffé, nominated for *The Mission*

Two plots get in a tricky tangle

THEATRE

Kiss Me Kate
Stratford

The Stratford Ontario Shakespeare Festival made a big killing last year with Broadway's first Shakespearian musical, *The Boys from Syracuse*. Now the RSC follows suit with Cole Porter's version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, a piece of fabled brilliance which moved from Broadway to break attendance records on the German stage and become the first American musical to reach Poland.

The difference between these two productions is that where *The Boys from Syracuse* appeared as part of the festival repertory, played by the resident company, the RSC show is an isolated event designed for a commercial tour (reaching the Old Vic in May) and featuring an *ad hoc* cast. Like *Les Misérables*, its manifest aim is to earn the RSC some much-needed revenue. I hope it succeeds; but there is little sign of any other purpose.

The bright idea of Sam and Bella Spewack was to adapt Shakespeare's play-within-a-play into a backstage comedy about a performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* by a company led by two warring principals. Unlike Kate and Petruchio, Fred and Lilli are divorced and on the point of making unsuitable new partnerships, although they are clearly made for one another. The book then takes them through a stormy Baltimore try-out, in which they fight things through on and off stage before finally coming together again.

There are moments, particularly at turning-points in the plot, when this scheme adds a powerful new comic thrust. Lilli discovers a tender note to her rival just before the wooing scene, and comes on ready to do murder. Fred, in turn, finds himself besieged by two gangsters intent on


Donald Cooper

The starstruck hoods of Emil Wolk (left) and John Bardon, with Nichola McAuliffe as Lilli

collecting a gambling debt; and, as this will have to be paid for out of the box-office takings, it is in their interests to stop the leading lady walking out on the show. Thereupon they change into a pair of cigar-smoking chaperons who escort her to Verona and develop a consuming interest in show business.

If the rest of the book were of this quality, one could mention it in the same breath with *Guys and Dolls*. But, for much of the way, the Spewacks come over as a juggling team who keep dropping their plates. On the whole the two plots do not reinforce each other; and divided attention means that neither gets properly told.

There is a garbled version of *The Shrew*, and, to find time for that, the book drops Fred's opening affair with the showgirl Lois, allows the gangsters simply to write off the debt when it has served its comic purpose, and gets into a terrible tangle with theatrical and actual time. Much space is also given to numbers that have no bearing on the plot. Act II begins with the company sweltering outside the stage door and then launching into Porter's "Too Darn Hot", a splendid number but the kind of high-kicking spectacle that would drench an Eskimo in sweat.

Adrian Noble's production begins with a meticulously organized curtain-call rehearsal, establishing various company relationships and introducing the haughtily withdrawn figure of Nichola McAuliffe as the leading lady. This promise of a detailed ensemble does not develop. Isolated figures do emerge: particularly Fiona Hendley as the dumb blonde Lois (alias Bianca) and Tim Flavin as her hoofer lover (alias Lucentio), who immediately emerges as the production's lead dancer.

Otherwise, the choreography by Ron Field is banal in the extreme. Liz da Costa's chorus costumes, overprinted tights and pannier skirts forming an ambulatory fruit and vegetable market, are brilliant; but, inside them, all you get are revelling Paduans fixing the house with metallic grins.

Much the most entertaining performances come from John Bardon and Emil Wolk as the two starstruck hoods. Miss McAuliffe, usually seen staring bleakly ahead with sucked-in cheeks, periodically bursts into spectacular fury; but without much rapport with her Petruchio — as Paul Jones plays him, a nice fellow trying to disguise it with a great deal of shouting and spanking.

Together they give a good impression of how Shakespeare might be played in Baltimore. As they also do justice to songs like "I Hate Men", "So in Love am I" and "Where is the Life I Led?", musical honour is preserved. William Dudley's sets pay apt respect to both elements of the piece, with a classical perspective streak framing a three-dimensional backstage revolve.

Irving Wardle

Scrape off the Black
Stratford East

In the last seconds of this family drama, after the racist recriminations have come to their bitter end and Jill Gascoine stands alone on the stage, she makes one movement of her arms which could just, with some charity, be called a loving gesture. Hitherto, she has been a monster. Peevish and foul-tongued, Rose is as worthless a stage mother as you are likely to meet.

A teenage affair with a Nigerian left her encumbered with two "blackies", whom she promptly shoved into foster homes. Andy (Chris Tummings) has since been through Borstal and is due out from a year in jail. Trev (Gary McDonald) so wants his mum to be friendly he gives her his money to spend on bingo, three sessions a day.

The script claims that, originally, she came from Cornwall — the author, Tunde Ikoli, has a Cornish mother and a Nigerian father — but it must have been in some cockney enclave, since her East End accent is faultless. In contrast, her friend Mary (Kate Williams), a diabetic former tart in mauve mini and double rope of pearls first thing in the morning, has kept every twirl of her Scottish lilt.

Philip Hedley's production is the third version to be staged since 1977, and the second, newer half is an improvement on the first where the pulse is very slow, action is limited to lighting cigarettes and the two actresses stay anchored to their chairs, one by a gammy leg and the other by her miniskirt. The scene between the two brothers raises interesting issues of racial anxiety and indecision but nothing is resolved and, while Ikoli writes grimly funny dialogue, his two acts are still too raw a venting of pain and anger to cohere into a satisfactory play.

Jeremy Kingston

CONCERT

Aquarius/ Cleobury
Elizabeth Hall

It seems to me that 40 is rather an early age for any composer to be able to celebrate with a major retrospective of his work. But Paul Patterson already has an impressive catalogue to his name, and that he is held in high esteem cannot be doubted, as the large and distinguished audience at this concert testified.

He is nothing if not the most adaptable and fluent of composers, and indeed it is perhaps his very prodigiousness that at the moment is his worst enemy. For although his technical grasp of whatever particular idiom he happens to be writing in is never less than convincing — whether it be the highly conservative choral writing of the *Missa Brevis* or the ebullliently free interplay of parts in *Cracowian Counterpoints* — one does wonder, after a long evening's listening, if he has yet managed to find his real musical identity, his most comfortable mode of expression.

Most of the music heard on this occasion concerned itself in one way or another with procedural games, something that Patterson has no doubt developed from his intimate contact with contemporary Polish music. In *Cracowian Counterpoints*, Op 38, for example, he plays with the relationships of the 14 soloists with each other; first they are outwardly combative, then uneasy, then exuberantly cooperative. In *Intersections*, Op 23, for mixed octet, the name of the game is the transformation, interaction and unification through serial procedures of the diverse; while in *At the Still Point of the Turning World*, Op 41, the music weaves, almost ritualistically, around a single pitch, B.

But the devices that Patterson harnesses in all these works seem too deliberately chosen, as if the music's form and idiom had been set down as a rigid mould into which the notes are afterwards poured: Lutoslawskian controlled improvisation, post-Webernian severity and so on.

The group Aquarius, conducted by Nicholas Cleobury, nevertheless gave magnificently committed performances, while the London Chorale, directed by David Coleman, did their best with the eminently dull *Missa Brevis*, Op 54, and enjoyed themselves tremendously in the puerile humour of *Spare Parts*, Op 36. But the most effective performance, and possibly the most effective music, came with the *Duologue*, Op 49, for oboe (Nicholas Daniel) and piano (Julius Drake).

Stephen Pettitt

LONDON DEBUTS

Forming a new orchestra is a time-honoured way of making a conducting début, and may also advance the careers of others involved. **Philip Ellis** left his percussionist's place with the RPO to set up the English Camerata, and their inaugural concert at St James's, Piccadilly, was evidence both of the conductor's musicality and of the ensemble spirit of his 30 or so young players, women outnumbering men by three to one.

They achieved a notably cogent account of Strauss's *Metamorphosen*, which demands as much response from its 23 solo strings as from the conductor's controlling hand, and it offered eloquent testimony to feeling as well as skill. So too did Britten's *Les Illuminations*, with Elizabeth Nash of the BBC Singers to be admired for tone and phrasing, while the orchestra's playing raised hopes for their next concert, at St John's, Smith Square, in June.

Of pianists who came my way (at the Wigmore Hall) **Kathryn Selby** was the least trumpeted and the most enjoyable. An Australian who collected a hatful of awards in America, she brought a keen sense of interpretative purpose as well as polished technique to Chopin's B minor Sonata, and contrasted ingenuous simplicity with subtlety of character in Schubert's Four Impromptus, D935.

Establishing an underlying tempo to which all else relates was her method in Debussy and Ravel as well, with the keen rhythmic basis of the latter's *Alborada del gracioso* extended into glittering command of the keyboard for Liszt's *Spanish Rhapsody*. If she can improve her use of the sustaining pedal, she has the skill and imagination to become an exceptional artist.

The American Tzimon Barto came to his solo programme in the wake of a South Bank concerto appearance, when the "fresh, strong and purposeful responses" noted there by Hilary Finch were still more in evidence. So was the hard glare of a keyboard tone that changed little between a Bach toccata and the C major Sonata, Op 1, of Brahms, which left this listener, at least, feeling considerably browbeaten.

His powerful technique was best heard in Scriabin (the Fifth Sonata) and Liszt, whipping up a torrent of sound in the latter's D flat Hungarian Rhapsody and giving a rare glimpse of softer keyboard textures in the "Harmonies du soir". An intelligent artist, he would seem to prefer the full-frontal attack for the moment, but may yet discover a subtler approach.

Noël Goodwin

ROCK

Mantronix
Town and Country

Whenever I go to a hip-hop show, I am always impressed by the mood of hectic excitement that prevails among the crowd before the group takes the stage; there is a feeling, long since dissipated among regular rock audiences, that everybody inside the hall knows something that the world outside does not. Car-horns blast, whistles rend the air and people bob about in a distinctive dancing on the spot routine.

Mantronix failed to capitalize on this fund of enthusiasm, despite the impressive reputation that the duo has built since 1984 when the rapper MC Tee met the DJ Mantronik in the Downtown Records store in New York.

Wearing a yellow shirt, flapping open to the waist, MC Tee wandered round the stage, declaiming his tuneless rhymes with flair; but, even allowing for the usual liberal element of self-promotion in the verses, he seemed too laid back for the job in hand. Mantronik, meanwhile, standing behind his decks and mixer, cut, scratched and chopped the records with a nimble expertise that seemed to demand the co-ordination and rhythmic dexterity one would expect of a percussionist, together with something of an engineer's ability to select and mix sounds.

Yet, although an exponent who lends considerable weight to the notion of DJ-ing as a bona fide musical activity, the beats on the tracks he selected tended to be either too light or too monotonous. The duo's rather more cerebral approach to hip-hop than that of their hard-core peers proved to be the ultimate stumbling-block. On record the unusual elements of European electro that permeate "Who is it" sound refreshingly innovative; in performance, it was just too considered. Similarly, "Fresh is the Word" and "Needle to the Groove" started well, but paled as the performers lost impetus. This was more casual than crucial hip-hop.

David Sinclair

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Trade-weighted
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Guinness rises 15p on bid talk

The Guinness share price rose 15p yesterday – adding more than £120 million to the company's market value – on rumours that Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL group is contemplating a bid for the company.

Mr Andrew Cummins, the Elders Group Director Strategy would neither confirm nor deny the rumours which saw 14 million shares change hands and the share price rise to 307p. The shares stood at 331p before the Department of Trade inspectors moved in and have been as low as 264p since.

Brewery analysts said yesterday that a bid for Guinness during the DTI inquiry was unlikely.

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Lilley sells £8.5m plant

Hewden-Stuart Plant, the plant hire company, has bought Seymour Plant from FJC Lilley for £8.5 million cash.

The assets include seven freehold and three leasehold depots with 4,000 items of plant, vehicles, stocks and accessories. Lilley estimates the net book value at £7.7 million. Pretax profit of Seymour in the year to January 31, 1986 was £1.4 million but is expected to be lower in the year just ended.

Dale listing

Dale Group, a manufacturer of hydraulic equipment for the coal industry, is obtaining a full market listing through the placing of 3.07 million shares at 110p, which capitalizes the company at £13.2 million.

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Reuters soars

Reuters Holdings, the international information group, made pretax profits in 1986 of £130.1 million, a rise of 39 per cent on revenue 43 per cent higher at £620.9 million. The total dividend was raised by 69.2 per cent to 5.5p.

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Beazer stake

CH Beazer, the Bath housebuilding group, has now acquired more than 60 per cent of the Hong Kong civil engineering group Franki Investments for £5.5 million. Beazer will use the company as a vehicle for expanding its contracting operations in Hong Kong and South East Asia.

Professor's job

Professor Roland Smith was appointed a non-executive director of British Aerospace yesterday.

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Bank study reveals sharper market

Big Bang cuts costs of deals

By John Bell, City Editor

London's equity markets have become cheaper, more competitive and more efficient since the introduction of Big Bang last October.

Lower transactions costs, which have cut the cost of substantial trades by as much as half, and a more competitive environment have generated substantially higher turnover in equities.

Fears that the market in shares of smaller companies might suffer after Big Bang have proved to be unfounded.

These are the principal conclusions of a study to be published tomorrow in the Bank of England's latest *Quarterly Bulletin* but released for earlier publication.

The Bank emphasizes that its findings are based on only a few months' data. But the broad conclusions demonstrate that the new regime in equity markets leaves London far better placed as a financial centre to compete with its major rivals in the United States, Europe and Japan.

There is little doubt, says the Bank, that the market in alpha and beta stocks is much more competitive than before Big Bang. Alpha stocks are the 76 leading shares which account for more than half the British equity market value and 50 per cent of turnover.

There are currently 534 beta stocks, which are less actively traded than alphas but which have six or more registered market-makers.

Transactions costs, as expected, have fallen sharply. This is partly due to lower stamp duty announced in the 1986 Budget but there is evidence that the spreads between best bid and offer prices, known in the markets at "the touch," have narrowed overall.

Statistics confirm this for beta and gamma stocks, says the Bank, though the picture is less clear for alphas.

Other less-obvious costs have been reduced for the institutional investor since Big Bang. In particular, the combination of considerably

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improved information on Seaq and market-makers committed to deal at prices and volumes shown on the screen has lowered the costs and risks to the investor searching for the best deal.

Before Big Bang, alpha stocks had the lowest market touch, averaging around 0.8 per cent. After October, this narrowed to about 0.6 per cent for deals in 1000 shares, the basic SEAQ quote size.

At the largest Seaq quote size, there appears to have been little change, reflecting the greater risk to the market-maker in unbalancing his book. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the touch for alpha stocks does not widen much for quotes above 100,000 shares, says the Bank.

This indicates that there is much greater depth in the market for alpha stocks than before Big Bang. For beta and gamma stocks, the touch has narrowed significantly since October.

An informal survey of fund managers, conducted by the Bank, shows that for an equity deal in the range £100,000 to £1 million, commission rates have fallen from about 0.4 per cent to 0.2 per cent.

On deals of £2 million to £3 million, rates of 0.125 per cent can be found. Even greater savings over pre-Big Bang costs can be made through a net of commission transactions direct with market-makers or broker-dealers.

Commissions for private investors were not expected to fall significantly after Big Bang. But a number of firms have cut rates from 1.65 per cent on a deal of £1,000 to about 1.5 per cent and a few are charging as little as 1 per cent for a basic execution-only service.

For deals of below £1,000 the picture is less clear, says the Bank, since many brokers retain minimum charges. There is some evidence that some regional brokers and firms with retail outlets are competing actively for this business and have lowered minimum charges.

Nick Rogers



Eyes to the future: Lord King (left) and Colin Marshall, chief executive, watch the shares



Lord King: analysts support pricing of issue

BA becomes investors' favourite airline

By Ray Heath

Opponents of the Thatcher privatization programme were presented with some valuable ammunition for their arguments that the Government was undervaluing national assets when dealings in British Airways shares started yesterday.

The opening price of 119.5p was 83 per cent above the issue price of the partly-paid shares, leading to obvious comparisons with the Amersham International float of 1982, whose shares swiftly went to a premium of about 33 per cent.

It is widely believed in the City that the Government's advisers, led by Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, decided to pitch the BA share price at the low end of stock market expectations because of the doubt that appeared to surround the flotation.

Government ministers had suggested that the issue was more suitable for sophisticated investors.

But denials by Lord King, the BA chairman, that the issue had been underpriced, were supported by stock market analysts yesterday.

"The timing was perfect, if coincidental," Miss Jennie Wootton, airlines analysts with Kleinwort Grieveson, said.

Even at the late price of 109p, equivalent to a fully-paid price of 169p, the shares were still reasonably valued in comparison to airlines such as KLM, she said.

Rolls in plan for Airbus rival

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Boeing and Rolls-Royce are to collaborate on the production of a twin-engined rival to Airbus Industrie's proposed long-range jet, the A340.

The Boeing 767, popular with airlines as a medium-range jet carrying up to 250 people, is to be fitted with the Rolls-Royce RB 211 524D4D engine, identical to those that will power the British Airways fleet of "jumbo" four-engined 747-400s.

The powerful new engine will give the aircraft a much greater range and enable it to compete both with the three-engined McDonnell Douglas MD 11 and the four-engined Airbus A340.

The deal will also give Rolls-Royce a much-needed boost in its attempts to enter the American airliner market and put British-built engines onto the 767 for the first time.

The D4D version of the highly successful RB 211 engine is one of the most powerful and efficient engines ever built. It is based on the same design as the original RB 211 but has been significantly up-rated and modified to give an enormous 58,000 lb of thrust. Although the engine is still under development and will not be officially certified as fit for airline use until 1989, Rolls is confident it will prove attractive to airlines around the world.

The engine will be installed in the 767-300ER – the extended range version of the 767. It will give the aircraft a range of more than 6,000 miles with 260 passengers or, in a bigger version, a 4,600-mile range with 290 passengers.

The engine will compete both with Pratt and Whitney and General Electric, who have already produced their high-performance engines and will be offering them on the long-range 767 when it comes into service next year.

The development is particularly significant for Airbus, which is close to announcing the go-ahead for its own long-range competitor, the A340.

At the moment twin-engined aircraft are only allowed to fly for 120 minutes from the nearest alternative landing point. This has enabled some airlines to operate with 767s across the Atlantic by following the great circle route.

But it is hoped that the US Federal Aviation Authority will give approval for the new big-engined 767s to fly up to 180 minutes away from land. This will then enable the aircraft to compete head on with even the biggest four-engined jet on virtually every leading airline route.

Rolls-Royce will now begin an intensive two-year campaign aimed at persuading airlines to choose the D4D powered twin jet. And if it succeeds, it could mean hundreds of millions of pounds worth of new orders for the soon-to-be-privatized British engine manufacturer.

Amstrad profts leap by 158%

By Carol Ferguson

Amstrad, the rapidly growing electronics company, reports record interim turnover and profits on the back of the successful launch of its low price range of IBM clones.

Strong sales of the IBM-compatible personal computers in the first few weeks since reaching the market took Amstrad's pretax profit up by 158 per cent to £71.3 million for the six months to December 31.

Turnover in the same period was up 112 per cent to £272 million. The new IBM clones, which were on sale for only 10 weeks of the half-year period, accounted for 25 per cent of turnover.

The acquisition of the Sinclair business paid off, more than recouping the £5 million purchase price in the six months by selling around 300,000 units. Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, said yesterday that there was no difference in the level of sales – but there was no additional overhead.

"Since these computers are in the entertainments business, they only sell for three or four months of the year," he added.

Existing products, as well as new ones, contributed to these results. The famous 8265 word processor continued to have buoyant sales. Yesterday's statement accompanying the results said that this was most encouraging since it had been felt by some that the introduction of the new PC-1512 range, the IBM clones, in September 1986 would affect these sales.

"I am pleased to report that there was no such downturn in sales", Mr Sugar said, "which confirms our marketing view that we have two separate markets in business computers – the word processing sector for typewriter replacement and the personal computer sector."

Commenting on the success of PC-1512 range of personal computers, Mr Sugar reported that within three months of coming into the market, it has captured a 26 per cent market share.

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This had been done, he said, "not at the expense of the competition but by what is now known as the 'Amstrad Effect', meaning the expansion of existing markets. We have made many inroads into the corporate market, giving us yet another customer base on which to expand."

Exports of the PC-1512 to the United States are running at the rate of 5,000 a month. "This is the icing on the cake" Mr Sugar said. "Our main market is in Europe and the Far East. The US is not waiting for Mr Alan Sugar to come along – and there have been casualties in the past with over-estimates of the size of the market and under-estimates of the competition."

Labour plan is 'feasible'

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The Labour Party's plans to bring back capital invested overseas are feasible, according to a report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies. But the benefits to British industry in increased investment are likely to be small.

The policy of capital repatriation combined with reflation will produce a short-term boost for the economy, the IFS says. But Labour's economic policies are still likely to run into the problem of a too rapidly falling exchange rate.

The IFS report, *Capital Controls : The Implications of Restricting Overseas Capital*, concludes that the policy of requiring financial institutions to re-invest overseas portfolio holdings in Britain is an enforceable one.

Making the institutions sell these investments and bring the capital back to Britain would not involve major costs to the institutions but would put upward pressure on the exchange rate, the IFS says.

This could provide an offset to the exchange rate weakening that would otherwise be likely to result from Labour's macro-economic policy of fiscal reflation and lower interest rates.

But the policy of reflation with an artificially high exchange rate is unlikely to be sustainable in the long term, the report says.

The IFS is sceptical about the benefits to industry of the repatriation scheme.

Professor David Currie of Queen Mary College, an adviser to Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, rejected the IFS conclusion that the benefits would be small. The repatriation policy had to be taken in conjuntion with Labour's plans for a British Investment Bank, he said.

Bank knew of Standard loan facility during Lloyds bid

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England yesterday revealed that it had been aware of the loan facility offered by Standard Chartered Bank to the National Bank of Brunei and then withdrawn last June while the bid by Lloyds Bank was still in progress.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor, was quoted in a newspaper as saying that the facility "was known to us at the time and it was investigated."

The Bank was satisfied that no misdemeanour, or breach of the Companies Act had occured.

Loans made by Standard during the bid are now under investigation by independent inspectors appointed by the Bank at Standard's request after press allegations last week that it may have breached the Companies Act.

Bank sources said that Standard had notified the Bank of the facility when it was withdrawn last June because of the close association of the National Bank of Brunei with Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Singapore businessman who helped to save Standard from a takeover by Lloyds.

The facility was later granted three days after the bid lapsed in July.

Sources said that the Bank had carried out a thorough investigation into the nature of the transactions through conversations with Standard's executives.

They said that in the general context of the bid the Bank was assured by Standard that nothing improper was being committed.

The Bank did not examine Standard's books at this stage. Also, it did not conduct retrospective investigations into loans or facilities granted by Standard earlier in the bid, and Standard itself carried out no such investigation.

The Takeover Panel is also believed to have known about and approved the facility withdrawn by Standard in June and granted in July.

Meanwhile, sources close to Standard confirmed reports that the bank had given a loan facility to the National Bank of Brunei seven days after Lloyds announced its bid last April.

The facility, the result of an application made several moths earlier, was not withdrawn.

The sources said that although the Bank had been closely involved with Standard during the bid, its main interest had been in wider regulatory issues, rather than specific loans.

It emerged also that Cazenove, the stockbroker, acted as advisers to Standard during the bid, for which it was paid after the bid lapsed.

Cazenove and Hoare Govett, both of whom have considerable expertise in the banking sector, were the two brokers most involved in buying Standard shares for the white squires towards the end of the bid.

Whitley sale

In a further move to restructure its operations, the meat trade group Thomas Borthwick has sold the UK and EEC wool merchanting business of F Whitley to the Hill Mainz group for around £1.4 million. Borthwick is retaining Whitley's New Zealand wool broking business and UK hides and pelts broking operations.

Merger talks

The Mitchell Somers group has entered into merger discussions with an unnamed party. The group announced last month that it had received an approach which could lead to an offer for the company.

IBM still confident

IBM United Kingdom remains confident of its prospects despite lack of growth last year, Mr Anthony Cleaver, the chief executive, said in a statement. He said the company did well to maintain turnover at the record level seen in 1985.

Pretax profit last year fell 19 per cent to £421 million while turnover rose 1 per cent to £3.08 billion. Adverse factors included a slowdown in capital investment in machinery and equipment

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Amsterdam: Gen	259.0 (+0.1)
Sydney: AO	1560.5 (+7.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1745.2 (–12.3)
Brussels:	
General	4040.66 (+15.41)
Paris: CAC	414.8 (–1.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	536.90 (–0.80)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	85.80 (–0.20)

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London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 10 31/32–10 29/32%
3-month eligible bills: 10 31/32–10 15/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6¾%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.86-5.83%
30-year bonds 98 22/32–98 16/32

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5220	£: $1.5225*
£: DM2.7640	$: DM1.8155*
£: SwFr2.3401	$: SwFr1.5362*
£: FFr9.2195	$: FFr6.0455*
£: Yen233.63	$: Yen153.60*
£: Index:68.5	$: Index:104.0
ECU £0.744305	SDR £0.828315

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

P & O	611p (+20p)
Glaxo	1323p (+42p)
British Aerospace	651p (+33p)
Amstrad	164p (+18p)
Avon Rubber	502p (+32p)
London Park Hotel	628p (+31p)
Southend	386p (+15p)
Rowntree	471p (+16p)
Woolworth	764p (+21p)
I C Gas	634p (+16p)
Williamson Tea	628p (+18p)
Phoenix Prop.	152p (+17p)
Tay Homes	283p (+15p)
Guinness	306p (+14p)
Cadbury	238p (+12p)
Cookson	550p (+12p)
Brent Walker	336p (+12p)
Reed Int.	416p (+12p)

FALLS:

B P	789p (–2p)
Minet Holdings	271p (–6p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $402.90 pm-$403.00
close $401.00-401.50 (£263.50-264.00)
New York:
Comex $401.70-402.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) pm $17.75bbl ($17.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

Beleaguered hotel is star of efficiency league

Savoy's lesson for Forte

By Cliff Feltham

The long campaign by Lord Forte to acquire control of the Savoy hotel group on the grounds that he can manage the assets more profitably than the present management may need to be reviewed in the light of an intriguing "performance league table" published today by Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, the stockbroker.

In a report on the hotel industry – whose prospects are looking especially bright – the broker has bravely attempted to compare how well leading companies are doing in the way they generate income from hotel rooms, restaurants, and bars.

And, based on the latest available statistics for the 1985 financial year, it finds that the Savoy group was the star performer. The Savoy's beleaguered management achieved 78 per cent of potential revenue from its business, well ahead of Trusthouse Forte with a return of 61 per cent.

Other hotel operators, such as Queens Moat Houses with 56 per cent, and Mount Charlotte with 41 per cent, were well down the league.

Kleinwort Grieveson, which compiled the survey in conjunction with the Hotel and Catering Research Centre, says that for the first time "the portfolio performance of hotel companies can be compared systematically. The index is a measure of the extent to which a hotel company was successful in working its assets."

But the findings did not embarrass Trusthouse Forte. Mr Donald Main, the finance director, said: "I am not impressed at all. This league table is a sales index, which is just one measure of performance. I think a profit index is a lot more meaningful and you would get an entirely different picture if you looked at the Savoy in that light."

One explanation for the high sales generated by the Savoy's "non-room business," is its extensive restaurant and banqueting operations.

The broker predicts that trading prospects for hotel companies appear excellent over the coming year. Hoteliers have turned to Europe to attract new business, as well as devising more weekend breaks for British travellers.

The expected outbreak of takeover activity in the sector was underway yesterday with a bid approach to London Park Hotels, which operates four hotels in London, sending the shares up 26p to 623p. Speculation has it that Mount Charlotte Investments might be ready to bid.

● Trusthouse Forte is making an £85 million Eurobond issue to repay existing variable rate borrowings. The loan notes will carry a coupon of 10¼ per cent.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Hoechst to sue EC on price-fixing inquiry

Hoechst said yesterday it would take the European Commission to the European Court of Justice in Luxemburg on Monday in a test of the Commission executive's ability to enforce Community law in member states. A company spokesman said Hoechst would institute proceedings against the Commission's bid to search Hoechst files in its inquiry into alleged plastics price-fixing in Europe. Last week, the Commission said it would fine Hoechst 1,000 ECU (£740) a day for refusing its investigators access to its files. The Commission has also warned the West German government that it believes Bonn has breached EEC law by failing to ensure the raid on Hoechst succeeded, a move which could lead to the Commission taking Bonn to the European Court, too.

Shares suspended

Shares in Fermenta AB, expelled last month from the Stockholm Stock Exchange, were suspended on the exchange's unofficial list at the company's request. A Fermenta spokesman said the suspension was due to "negotiations taking place with interested parties to construct a new financial base for the company." Fermenta was expelled after discovery of irregularities.

Deutsche BP buy approved

The European Community Commission has authorized Deutsche BP, the West German subsidiary of British Petroleum, to buy 45 per cent stake of Fechner Holding GmbH. It ruled that the merger would not increase Deutsche BP's market share enough to affect EEC competition rules. Fechner Holding is majority owner of Bruno Fechner, a power station coal supplier.

GA agency boost

General Accident, one of the country's largest composite insurers, has boosted the number of estate agency branches it owns to 200 with the acquisition of three additional agency chains and most of the branches of a fourth, for an undisclosed sum. A company spokesman would not say how much General Accident had paid for the agencies. "We don't disclose the prices — it's a policy we have", he said. The agencies General Accident is buying are Slater Dann & Co, based in Sutton Coldfield, W Midlands; Beales in Winchester, Hants; and Redmans, which has 17 outlets in Surrey and Middlesex. GA is also buying 17 of the existing offices of Watsons, the Cambridge-based agency.

Barnett to chair council



The Building Societies Association has chosen Lord Barnett (right) to chair the independent council that will control the operations of the Building Societies Ombudsman. Lord Barnett, formerly Joel Barnett MP, was Chief Secretary to the Treasury in the last Labour Government and is now vice-chairman of the BBC's Board of Governors.

India wants investors

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, has invited foreign businessmen to invest in India, saying his government will continue its open door policy and offer tax concessions to boost industry and the capital market. Mr Gandhi said yesterday, at the opening of the three-day conference of the International Chamber of Commerce congress, that the flow of technology needed to modernize local industry was encouraged although India aimed, eventually, to develop the technology locally.

STOCK MARKET

British Airways lifts rest of the equities

By Michael Clark

The rest of the equity market joined in the fun of the British Airways flotation yesterday with share prices again soaring away and recouping most of the profit-taking of the previous day's trading.

Dealers reported good two-way trade as investors took their profits on BA and re-invested them elsewhere in the market. A total of 289 million BA shares were traded as the price closed at 108p, after hitting 119.5p first thing. That is a premium of 4.2p in first-time dealings. But not all the turnover was rstricted to BA. There appeared to be plenty of activity among the alpha stocks many of which achieved double-figure gains.

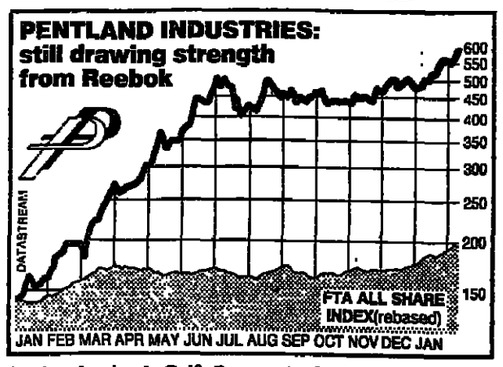
This was reflected in the leading indicators. Although the FT 30 share index closed below its best levels of the day, it still managed to re-establish itself above the 1,500 level with a rise of 15.9 at 1,508.9. The broader FT-SE 100 share index also rose 20.9 to 1,895.8.

Government securities closed little altered on the day.

Investors continue to chase *Pentland Industries* higher following another sparkling set of figures from its 37 per cent owned US associate, Reebok International, the sporting goods supplier. In 1986 pretax income of Reebok leapt 234 per cent to $261 million with earnings up 180 per cent at $2.25 a share. Reebok continues to be a major source of earnings for Pentland and looks like going from strength to strength over the next few years.

It has also done wonders for the Pentland share price which has climbed from a low of 141p in the past year. The shares hit a new high yesterday with a rise of 13p to 603p following publication of a bullish circular by Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, which is looking for pretax profits to grow from £40.2 million to £75 million for the year just ended. The shares still have plenty of life in them, according to Grieveson.

Takeover favourite **Imperial Continental Gas** jumped another 14p to equal its high of 632p ahead of figures later this month. The group which has recently seen off an unwanted bid from the Barclay brothers' Gulf Resources is said to be poised to float a number of its businesses on the stock market, including its highly succesful Calor Gas subsidiary. A total of 1.5 million shares were traded.



● **There have been plenty of buyers for shares in Boots, reviving hopes of a bid. A further 8 million shares changed hands yesterday as the price rose another 4p to 279p. But stale bulls looking for Hanson Trust to make a bid can forget it. Hanson has now sold its entire 3 per cent stake.**

No sooner had the ink dried on a report about it in this column yesterday, than **Hillsdown Holdings**, the food and furniture group, was announcing details of its latest acquisition. This time it has acquired Tiverton Poultry Group, the poultry processing, egg packaging and distribution business, for £3.4 million.

Hillsdown has issued an extra 266,376 shares, raising £657,000, to help finance the deal. The balance of £2.7 million will be paid in cash.

Hillsdown has embarked on an aggressive takeover programme since it came to market in 1985 averaging one every three weeks. The shares responded to yesterday's news with a 4p rise to 247p — 4p shy of their high — ahead of figures next month. These are expected to show pretax profits climbing from £33.4 million to £51 million as the benefits of its acquisition programme start to come through.

But dealers are convinced the shares are destined for better times although there is talk the group is still looking for a big acquisition after dropping its proposed bid for S & W Berisford last year.

Among the list of likely targets is **Fitch Lovell**, up 4p at 239p, which has been a dull market of late. There is also talk it may decide to move against **Dalgety**, the Spillers flour to Kattomeat and Winalot pet food group. Dalgety responded with a 10p rise to 323p where it is capitalized at £713.2 million.

Bid talk was also good for 11p at 237p on **Cadbury Schweppes**, the confectionery and soft drinks group, which has been the subject of much speculation in recent weeks following the news that General Cinema Corporation had bought an 8.3 per cent stake. General Cinema has already applied for permission to increase its holding to 25 per cent.

But suggestions that GCC *had been adding to its stake* yesterday were wide of the mark. Under the SEC rules, Americans are prevented from buying any more stock until February 17, at the earliest.

● **Shares in Lookers, the motor distributor, rose 5p to 250p on news that Charterhall has sold its 49.6 per cent stake to T Cowie, the motor-leasing group. Mr Ken Martindale, Lookers' chairman, said he "views the shareholding by Cowie as possibly aggressive and therefore unwelcome."**

ALPHA STOCKS

These volumes are as at 6.45pm

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	3,500	Gen Accident	271	Rank Hovis	499
Amstrad	30,000	GEC	9,800	Reckitt Colman	118
ASDA-MFI	2,900	Glaxo	3,100	Redland	2,000
Ass Br Foods	427	Granada	718	Reed Int	2,000
BET	363	Grand Met	3,200	Reuters	635
BTR	3,700	GUS 'A	255	RTZ	945
BAT	2,800	GRE	199	Rowntree	2,800
Barclays	2,500	GKN	1,100	Royal Ins	337
Bass	512	Guinness	14,000	Saatchi	557
Beecham	1,400	Hanson	5,400	Sainsbury (J)	1,100
Blue Circle	271	Hawker Siddeley	655	Scot Newsll	1,000
BOC	1,100	Hillsdown .	416	Sears	9,400
Boots	8,800	Imp Chem Ind .	2,800	Sedgwick Gp	1,400
BPB Ind	956	Imp Cont Gas .	1,500	Shell	6,300
Br Aerospace	3,600	Jaguar	454	Smith & Nephew	3,300
Br Gas	21,000	Ladbroke	1,200	STC	2,700
Br Petroleum	3,800	Land Securities	1,200	Stan Chart	117
Br Telecom	29,000	Legal & Gen	808	Storehouse	1,800
Brifol	11,000	Lloyds	1,100	Sun Alliance	454
Burton	7,100	Lonhro	7,400	Tarmac	445
Cable & Wireless	5,600	Marks & Spencer	4,900	TSB P/P	3,000
Cadbury Schwep	7,500	Midland	821	Tesco	1,500
Coats Viyella	1,000	Nat West	1,500	Thorn EMI	3,100
Com Union	1,900	P & O Dfrd	2,000	Trafalgar House	1,400
Cons Goldfields	1,100	Pearson	1,500	Trusthouse Forte	1,900
Cookson Gp	644	Pilkington Bros	2,900	Unilever	225
Courtaulds	2,300	Plessey	2,500	Utd Biscuits	1,800
Dee Corp	1,900	Prudential	763	Wellcome	1,500
Dixons Gp	4,800	Racal Elect	1,800	Whitbread 'A'	733
Fisons	1,400	Rank Org	1,600	Woolworth	1,000

● **HONG KONG:** Steady overseas buying interest drove most share prices sharply higher on the stock market, and the Hang Seng index advanced to a new record, closing at 2739.47, up 44.62. Its previous high was 2713.67, set on Monday.

● **TOKYO:** The Stock Exchange was closed yesterday.

WALL STREET

Shares higher in a calmer market

New York (agencies) — Shares traded slightly higher at the opening with the calming of the volatility that has characterized the bond market and the foreign exchange markets.

During the three previous sessions share prices have retreated as investors took profits. This, apparently, was because they were worried that monetary policy would be tightened in an attempt to shore up the flagging dollar.

Analysts said the foreign-exchange market seems to be reassessing fundamentals afterlast week's bullish performance and observers agreed that consolidation was the most prevalent feature.

Traders said also that the market had quietened ahead of the release of the January retail sales figures today and the January producer prices and industrial production data, both due tomorrow — and all expected to signal a continued bearish outlook towards the US economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose five points to 2163.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index showeda slight gain, up 0.14 to 157.32.

	Feb 10	Feb 9		Feb 10	Feb 9		Feb 10	Feb 9
AMR Cp	57¾	57¾	Firestone	31	31⅝	Pepsico	31¼	30⅞
ASA	41⅛	41⅛	Fst Chicago	31¾	31⅝	Pfizer	67⅝	66⅝
Astra Life	61¼	62⅛	Fst Int Bncp	57	55⅞	Phelps Dod	27½	27
Allied Signal	45⅛	45⅝	Fst Penn C	9⅝	9½	Philip Mor	84⅜	87
Alle Chalm	2¾	2⅝	FT Wachve	40⅛	40⅜	Philip Pet	13¾	13¼
Alcoa	41⅛	42¼	Ford Motor	73½	75⅛	Polaroid	78⅝	79
Amax Inc	16⅜	16⅝	GAF Cp	42¾	43⅜	Proct Gble	86½	86⅞
AMR Hess	28	28⅛	GTE Cp	61⅜	62⅛	Pub Svc Eg	41⅜	41⅝
Am Brands	49⅝	51⅜	Gen Cp	74⅜	75	Raytheon	76⅛	75⅝
Am Can	99⅜	100⅜	Gn Dynam	73	74⅛	Rynlds Met	49⅜	50¼
Am Cynmd	86⅜	88⅛	Gen Elect	98⅛	100⅛	Rockwell Int	54⅜	55⅜
Am Ele Pwr	29⅜	29⅝	Gen Inst	23⅜	23⅜	Royal Dutch	105⅞	106¼
Amex	67⅜	68⅜	Gen Mills	47⅞	48⅜	SFE Sopac	33⅜	34⅜
Am Home	81⅜	82⅜	Gen Motors	75⅝	76⅜	Sara Lee	42⅛	42⅜
Am Motors	3¼	3¼	Gen Pub Ut	25½	25⅜	Schlumb	38⅜	38⅞
Am Stand	48⅜	48¾	Genesco	4¼	4¼	Scott Pap	76⅜	78⅝
Am Telph	23⅜	24	Georgia Pac	45	46⅛	Seagram	66	67⅜
Amoco Cp	75⅜	75⅞	Gillette	58½	59⅜	Sears Roeb	47	45⅞
Armco Steel	7½	7⅞	Goodrich	51¼	51⅛	Shell Trans	67⅜	68⅜
Asarco Inc	18⅜	19¼	Goodyear	50⅛	50⅜	Singer	44⅛	44⅜
Ashland Oil	62	62⅛	Gould Inc	20	20⅜	Smithkn Bk	103¼	104
Atl Richfld	68⅜	69⅜	Grace Cp	53⅜	53⅜	Sony Cp	20⅜	20⅞
Avon Prod	30	30½	Grt Atl Pac	27	27	Sth Cal Edi	35⅞	36
Bk Boston	29⅜	30⅛	Greyhnd	34⅜	35⅜	Sth Bell	112	113⅜
Bankmr NY	39⅛	39⅝	Grumen	28½	28⅝	Std Oil	60	60⅜
Bankamer	13	14	Gulf & West	72⅜	73	Start Drug	48⅜	49⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	48	49⅜	Heinz	45	45⅝	Stevens JP	42	42⅜
Beth Steel	7⅝	7⅜	Hercules	59⅜	60⅛	Sun Comp	60⅜	61⅛
Boeing	50⅝	50⅞	Hewlet Pk	52⅜	53⅜	TRW Inc	104⅜	107⅜
Boise Casc	75⅛	77⅜	Honeywell	64⅜	64¾	Teledyne	312⅜	312⅛
Bordan	65⅛	65⅞	IC Ind	27⅜	28⅜	Tennaco	42⅜	43⅛
Borg Warnr	40⅜	40⅝	ITT Cp	60⅜	62	Texaco	38⅜	38⅞
Brist Myer	92⅜	93⅜	INCO	13⅜	14	Tex Eastn	34⅛	35
BP	48⅜	50⅛	Ingersoll	76⅜	76⅝	Tex Inst	152⅜	156½
Brunswick	39⅝	40⅛	Inland Steel	24⅛	24⅜	Tex Util	35	35⅛
Burl Ind	44⅜	45⅛	Ibm	133½	133⅞	Textron	63⅜	63⅛
Burl Nth	64⅜	65⅝	Int Paper	92⅛	93⅜	Travelers	49⅜	49⅝
CBS	145	145⅛	Irving Bk	50	51⅛	UAL Inc	58⅛	58⅝
CPC Int	44	45⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	77	77⅜	USG Cp	39⅝	40⅜
Cmpbell Sp	60	60	K Mart Cp	51⅛	51½	USX Cp	24	24⅛
Can Pacific	16⅛	16⅝	Kaiser Alum	15⅞	15⅛	Unilever NV	242	240
Caterpillar	45⅞	46⅛	Kerr McGee	32⅛	33	Un Carbide	25⅞	26⅛
Celanese	242⅝	242⅝	Kimbl Clark	107⅜	107½	Un Pac Cp	73⅜	73⅜
Centrl SW	36	36⅝	Kroger	32⅛	32⅜	Unisys Cp	100⅜	99⅜
Champion	36½	37⅛	LTV Cp	2	2⅛	Utd Brands	47⅞	47⅞
Chase Man	39⅜	39⅞	Litton	81	82⅜	Utd Tech	50⅜	50⅝
Chem NY	47	48⅛	Lockheed	54⅛	55⅜	Unocal	31⅛	31⅝
Chevron	51½	52⅛	Lucky Str	28⅛	28	Walter Jim	52⅜	52⅞
Chrysler	45⅞	47⅛	Man H'ver	46⅝	47⅛	Warn Lamb	66	67⅜
Citicorp	55	55⅞	Manville	1⅞	1⅞	Wells Far	53⅜	53⅞
Clark Eq	24	24⅛	Mapco	60⅛	59⅝	Westg El	59⅛	59⅞
Coca Cola	41⅛	41⅞	Marine Mid	51⅝	52⅜	Weyerhsr	46	47
Colgate	45⅜	45⅝	Mt Marrieta	43⅜	43⅜	Whirlpool	35⅝	36⅜
Columb Gas	49	48⅝	Masco	34⅝	35⅝	Woolworth	43½	44
Cmb'n Eng	38⅜	38	Mcdonalds	69⅜	70	Xerox Cp	67⅞	68⅛
Cmwlth Ed	36	36⅛	McDonnell	74⅛	75	Zenith	22⅜	22⅞
Cons Edis	48⅛	49⅛	Mead Cp	66⅝	68⅛			
Cn Nat Gas	37⅜	37⅞	Merck	134⅝	136¼			
Cons Pwr	16⅝	16⅝	Minsta Mng	129⅝	130⅜			
Cont Data	28⅜	28⅝	Mobil	45⅛	45⅝			
Corning Gl	56¼	56¼	Monsanto	78⅜	80¼			
Crane	42	41¼	Morgan Jp	45⅝	46¼			
Curtiss Wrt	56⅛	56⅜	Motorola	46⅞	48			
Data Gen	35⅝	35⅞	NCR	57⅜	58⅜			
Deere Cp	26⅛	26⅝	Nalco	6¼	6¼			
Delta Air	60⅜	60¾	Nat Distil	56⅝	58			
Detroit Ed	18	18	Nat Md Ent	23⅞	24			
Digital Eq	149⅞	152¼	Nat Semi	14¼	14⅛			
Disney	54¾	55¼	Norfolk Sth	93⅜	93⅝			
Dow Chem	71⅞	73¼	NW Bancrp	40	40⅜			
Dresser Ind	24⅜	25⅛	Occid Petl	31⅜	33⅛			
Dupont	98⅝	100	Ogden Cp	49⅞	50⅜			
Duke Pwr	49	49⅜	Olin Cp	46⅝	47⅜			
East Kodak	78¼	75⅞	Owens Il	58⅝	60			
Eaton Cp	62	61½	PPG Ind	64	67			
Emerson El	99½	100⅜	Pac Gas El	25⅜	26⅛			
Emery Air	12⅜	12⅞	Pan Am	5⅜	5½			
Exxon	83⅜	83⅞	Penney JC	83	83			
Fed Dpt Sts	84¼	85¼	Pennzoil	71⅞	72¾			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	28¼	28¾
Alcn Alum	46¾	47¼
Algoma Stl	10⅝	11
Can Pacific	21⅝	22⅛
Cominco	15¾	15⅞
Con Bathrst	32⅜	33¼
Hlr Std Can	26½	28⅛
Hdsn B Min	25⅝	26½
Imasco	33¾	34½
Imperial Oil	58¼	59¾
In Pipe	46¼	47⅛
Ryl Trustco	32⅛	32¼
Seagram	66⅛	66⅝
Steel Co	23¼	23⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	32	32½
Varity Corp	3.25	3.40
WCT	14¾	14⅞
Weston	35¾	35¼



National Express, which markets, manages and operates a national network of long distance express coach services, is for sale — as part of the privatisation of the National Bus Company.

Regarded as the "flagship" of NBC, National Express had a turnover in 1985 of £71.4 million. Its established network is the largest in England and Wales involving the daily operation of some 500 coaches.

National Express has adapted to the new age of coach competition — and now it is to be sold as an individual unit, together with its own activities involving private hire brokerage, school trips abroad and travel facilities for tourists.

The 1986 results for National Express are expected shortly and these, together with further details, will be available in an information memorandum. If you would like to know more about National Express, or about any of the remaining subsidiaries of NBC, please write to the Chairman, National Bus Company, 172 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9TN.

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WALL STREET

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Kng's capital

LordKing, the British Airwayshairman, was sitting on a psonal paper profit of morhan £13,000 last night — frorn original investment of just 16,250. He applied for 25,0 partly-paid shares — *the* taximum number staff werallowed — and says he plarto buy more on the open mart. But King, who earned a me £52,000 last year, has had less lucrative flotation thai most other company chanen. He and his fellow direors agreed to a Goverment request not to grant theselves any share options unt March 2 at the earliest. Thprice for the options has yet o be fixed but David Bus, who masterminded the flotion for Hill Samuel, BA's mchant bank adviser, tells me "They will not be at the iss price."



"Tastes the same to me . . . ."

Young genius

Th generous fees paid by Guness to its "advisers" mn have come as something of shock to solicitor Anthony Sa; 36, a partner at the legal fin Freshfields and one of on two surviving members of the Guinness "war cabet." As a student at Exer University, he was rewned for his thriftiness. Ashe only first-year student wi a car, I'm told, he used to chge his contemporaries a shing (5p) a head for a lunhtime lift from the law deritment to the main unersity campus 2½ miles awy. "He even used to mark hisoffee jar to make sure no on else had used it," reminised one former college clm.

● **Leinwort Grieveson, the stkbroker, has come up with a vel post-Big Bang way of offsetting the high costs of rming its teams of research anlysts. The firm has just breght out a glossy 163-page repr on the hotel industry an has decided that any hotel consltants who want to get the hands on it will have to pa £50 for the privilege.**

By the left

As if a self-afflicted DTI inqiry into suspicious share delings and the persistent bid speculation were not enough, a bevy of loony left MPs, incluing Tony Benn and Lnnis Skinner, has put down a motion in the Commons cling on a future Labour Gvernment to nationalize Cosolidated Gold Fields, the mning finance group, and put its South African operations uder the control of its black wkers. This, they say, would prvide a direct link to the mieworkers and help the strgle against apartheid.

● **Ian Am, the airline and proerty giant, has, I hear, bean tentative negotiations wit American Airlines, the largest air passenger carrier in the world, with a view to selling it its airline business. Citicorp has been appointed by Pan Am to advise. The American investment house is also said to be organizing a $150 million re-financing package for Pan Am. Hedging their bets, perhaps.**

Hayes fervour

Confirming our report that Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, has re-introduced the traditional morning meeting, Noel Hayes, head of the firm's institutional sales, tells me: "We tke the view that all our clients should have access to the sme information — it shouln't be reserved for the favoured few. It only lasts for between two and four minutes so it an hardly be said that it waste time." Scrimgeour has now restaffed after the departure of the majority of its engineering and electrical analysts to its rival, Smith Newpurt, which resulted in the abolition of morning meetings at Smith's. Last month, it took on no fewer than seven men: property analyst Selwyn Jones from Rowe & Pitman, brewery expert Ian Shackleton from Argyll Group, engineering analysts Chris Terry from Capel-Cure Myers and Alastair Dunlavy from Quilters, James Dodd from Fieldings to cover electricals and Paul Deacon from Wood Mac and Keith Wills from Rowe & Pitman to strengthen the firm's famous retail team.

Carol Leonard

ECONOMIC VIEW

Wind of change in tax could fan spending

Tax reforms affect people's behaviour, and changes in behaviour affect the way economies work. The wind of change now blowing through the tax systems of the world could lead to shifts in the structure of different economies and the way in which they interact with each other — much more important in the longer term than the marginal changes in the level of demand over which so much international financial diplomacy is currently being expended.

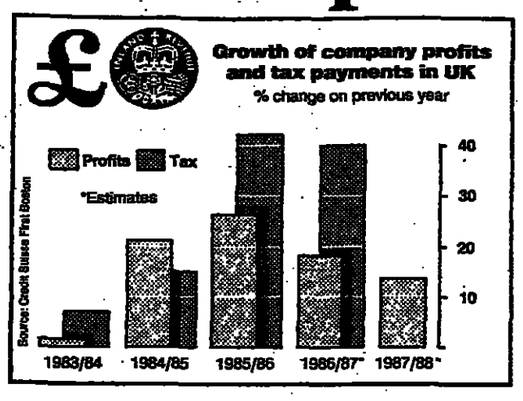
Foremost among the areas of reform with potentially far-reaching effects is the treatment of savings. Special reliefs for various forms of saving which have been stuck on to the system over the years in order to appease lobbies or gain political advantage are being stripped away.

The aim behind the removal of savings reliefs is equality of treatment between different forms of saving. In principle this can be achieved either by relieving all forms of saving or relieving none.

Whatever its theoretical merits — tirelessly propounded in this country by the Institute for Fiscal Studies — the expenditure tax route, under which income is only taxed if it is spent and all savings are exempted, has not found favour around the world. Given the constraints on increasing borrowing it has been more practicable to take away existing reliefs rather than extend them. As a result the tax incentives to save rather than spend are gradually being whittled away.

Nowhere is this more true than in Japan where the proposals adopted by the government and now awaiting enactment by parliament include abolishing relief for small savers.

Under the so-called *maruyu* system, personal savers in Japan can save up to a specified amount tax-free through post offices. The original idea was to help generate funds for industrial development. Swelled by a large number of illegal multiple accounts the Japanese now have a third of their savings, or Y107,000 billion (£458 billion), in the tax-exempt *maruyu*.



Removal of this incentive to save could have important effects on the shape of the Japanese economy.

If the Japanese are suddenly transformed from being a nation of savers into a nation of spenders the prospects for foreign sales into Japan must improve while the attention of Japanese industry is likely to be diverted inwards to a greater extent than during the past two decades.

On the other hand the outflow of Japanese capital, particularly into the United States, could fall sharply and put new pressure on the dollar and perhaps raising American interest rates.

The extent to which this may happen depends partly on the rest of the tax reform package. The Japanese government is proposing also to bring in a value added tax of up to 5 per cent over a wide range of spending. The switch from taxes on income to European-style VAT is another feature of tax reform worldwide and to some extent redresses the balance of advantage between spending and saving.

The prime example is the removal of reliefs on individual retirement accounts for higher rate taxpayers unless they are not covered by occupational schemes. But tax exemptions on borrowing such as the relief on interest payments on personal loans have also been abolished. The downward pressure on interest rates which the US Treasury confidently expected as a result of ending the borrowing reliefs has not so far been very obvious.

The possible effects of swopping exemptions for some in favour of lower rates for all are nowhere better demonstrated than in Britain.

On the personal front the Government has made a start by ending life assurance premium relief and reducing both the basic rate and top rates of income tax — but there is still a long way to go. But some of the results of the radical reform of corporation tax, launched in 1984, are now beginning to show.

The most startling effect of cutting the CT rate from 52 per cent to 35 per cent while at the same time phasing out investment allowances has been a sharp increase in revenue.

Mainstream Corporation Tax revenues have doubled in two years from £3 billion in 1984-85, when CT was still regarded as the "optional tax", to more than £6 billion in 1986-87. The buoyancy of company tax is one of the main reasons why the public sector borrowing requirement this year is expected to turn out well below the Government's forecast of £7 billion.

Part of the reason for higher revenue is simply the rapid increase in profitability.

Two other factors which help to explain this year's buoyant revenue are pointed out in recent work by Peter Spencer and Giles Keating of Credit Suisse First Boston. Because of high profitability companies have used up their accumulated past tax losses faster than expected.

Secondly, because of the depreciation of sterling, profits have tended to increase fastest among manufacturing companies who are also the companies which under the old system were best able to make use of capital allowances to shelter profits from tax.

What is not yet fully clear is what effect the change in the corporation tax system will have on companies' behaviour.

Will it, as expected, discourage marginal investment undertaken for tax reasons while boosting investment which under the old system was ineligible for allowances but under the new enjoys a lower tax rate?

After the investment boom as companies rushed to take advantage of allowances before they finally disappeared there is now something of a lull, not least because Labour has not spelt out its intentions with regard to the corporate tax system.

Companies are wary of undertaking long term commitments when a different administration could increase the rate of tax.

What is already clear is that lower rates levied on a broad tax base can bring in more revenue than higher rates with more ways of avoiding them. That is a good portent for further reform of personal taxes.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

TEMPUS

Amstrad keying in to more dizzy success

The trouble with Amstrad is that the expansion of the company has been so rapid that the share price has been unable to keep up.

The ascent of the share price is dizzying, and those that do not own shares, but would like to, feel instinctively that the price has gone too far. It never seems to be quite the right time to buy. And yet the shares are not expensive. Even after yesterday's 18p share price rise to 165p the p/e multiple is still only 70 per cent of the market multiple.

In terms of its earning power, no-one can accuse Amstrad of inconsistency. It has never yet failed to confound the market by exceeding even the most optimistic profit forecasts. This set of interim results for the six months to December 31 is no exception.

The impetus behind these figures is broadly based. Sales of the PCW 8256 word processor have remained strong and there has been an initial contribution from the new *IBM* clone, the PC-1512 range. And Amstrad has dusted off and polished up the newly acquired Sinclair products, making them more reliable and marketing them more effectively.

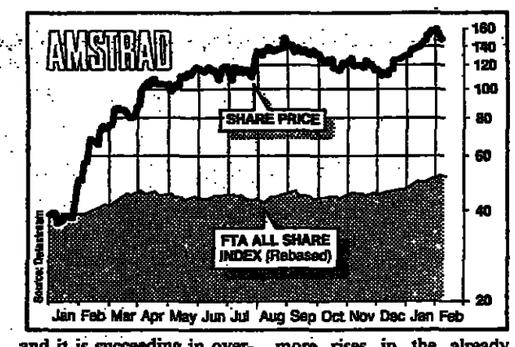
Fitting the Sinclair products into Amstrad's product range involved little in the way of additional overhead and as a result, the half-year operating profit from Sinclair products was comfortably over £8 million, easily recouping the the £5 million purchase price.

In the second half, Amstrad will benefit from a full six months contribution from the IBM clones, coupled with steady sales of the word processor. Consequently, for the full year to June this year a pretax profits forecast of £125 million could prove conservative, rising to about £180 million in the following year.

Next year, the market for the word processor may mature and start to decline. However, the IBM clones should be at full steam, and sales of its latest addition, inexpensive dot-matrix printers, are forecast to expand. Other new products in the pipeline include three new computers, two new videos and — further ahead — satellite receiving dishes.

Diversification of products and expansion into new markets, both geographically and into the business market, have served to broaden the company's base, and reduce risk.

The company is vulnerable in any of its products but it has proved that its formula works in more than one product; it has continued to come up with new ideas for new products and markets and it is succeeding in overseas markets.



Amstrad is standing a multiple of 10 times this year's earnings and 7 times next year's.

The downside is limited.

Dale Group

A company which sold 75 per cent of output to British Coal in the first half of this year may not sound like the stock market's safest investment.

However, Dale Group can point to a long and cosy relationship with British Coal, which survived the miners' strike, causing only a shortlived dip in turnover and profits. The relationship allows for margins that must make every other metal basher weep with envy.

Dale has carved itself such a niche with its powered cowls and bridge conveyor systems that trading margins rose to 29 per cent in the first half from 24.8 per cent last year. Its products, some of which are exclusive, help British Coal's drive for increased productivity and are replaceable as well as capital items.

With British Coal's present heavy investment programme, Dale is confident its market can only grow. Some 6 per cent of turnover goes to the United States, which is a good growth market, and there is a licencing agreement with a West German manufacturer.

Dale is forecasting profits in the year to the end of May of £2.15 million, giving a prospective p/e ratio of 9.6 on the placing price of 110p. The yield, based on a notional dividend of 4.5p per share, is 5.8 per cent.

The directors are selling 25.6 per cent of the company and keeping the proceeds. With £1.2 million cash in the bank, Dale needs no further funds.

So long as British Coal's productivity drive does not extend to squeezing supplier's margins, Dale's profitable relationship looks set to continue.

Reuters

The growth of profits at Reuters continues to keep a jump ahead of market expectations fuelling yet more rises in the already expensive shares.

Pretax profits last year were 39 per cent up at £130.1 million. A lower tax charge pushed profits, after tax, 47 per cent higher.

The jump in profits came from Japan, through the Reuter Monitor Dealing Service, which increased its number of terminals, worldwide, by 44 per cent and strong European currencies and yen in the second half. The exchange rate benefit was a net £7 million, more than half of which was spent on additional investment.

Any disappointment with the slight slippage in the operating margin to 18.6 per cent from 19 per cent was outweighed by a generous 69.2 per cent dividend hike to 5.5p total. The cover is down to 3½ times compared with 4 times in 1985.

Part of the thinking behind the bumper payout was the fall in American personal tax rates, which makes Americans less averse to growth companies dishing out cash. A sizeable 41.5 per cent of Reuters 'B' shareholders are Americans.

Spending of £66.2 million on acquisitions and £96 million on fixed assets, a rise of 35 per cent even after capitalizing future lease payments, helped reduce the cash pile to £93.4 million from £111.3 million at the end of 1985.

The heady growth looks set to continue. A record pace of new orders in the final quarter of 1986 was sustained in January. Equities 2,000, the new global service covering 100,000 stocks, commodity and futures prices, will come on stream in April or May.

The City is forecasting a rise in taxable profits this year to £155 million. Assuming 37 per cent tax, the 'B' shares at 627p, up 7p on the day, are trading on a prospective multiple of nearly 27.

The rating is high and contains most of the good news, leaving the shares vulnerable to bad news or a downturn in the stock market. That said, the high rating has been sustained for several months defying those who suggested selling at 500p at the time of the interims last July.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Treasury joins attack on Japanese barriers

The official onslaught against the careful discrimination practised by the Japanese in controlling their financial markets continues unabated. Last week the Governor of the Bank of England and the head of the New York Federal Reserve used the International Bankers Club dinner to admonish the Japanese. Yesterday the Treasury weighed in through the medium of its own *Economic Progress Report*.

These barrages are timely since the next meeting between the British Government and the Japanese Ministry of Finance is coming up in the next few weeks. On the agenda will be the question of granting securities and investment licences to foreign financial instituions in Tokyo.

So far progress has been slow and painful. The Treasury icily points out that foreign membership of the Tokyo Stock Exchange is still only six, with little prospect of an increase this year. Despite a new law allowing foreigners to get licences to issue investment advice, no licences have been issued, while several overseas candidates have still not been granted securities licences.

Foreign banks in Japan account for a mere 2 per cent of loans and 1 per cent of deposits there. In contrast, Japanese banks take a quarter of all international and domestic business of banks in Britain. This startling statistic is a reminder that the Japanese do not aim for a share of a market; they go for the market itself.

Among the obstacles militating against success for foreign institutions in Tokyo are an unfair tax structure on savings and a heavily regulated interest rate environment. These appear to be undergoing a degree of liberalization.

At least as important is the highly segmented nature of Japan's financial structure and the much lower capital-asset ratios required of Japanese banks — about 2 per cent compared with about 5 per cent for international banks. New regulations should increase the ratios required of Japanese banks in the future, but their competitive advantage from this will linger for some time. Other areas of liberalization, such as setting up of offshore markets and internationalizing the yen have, says the Treasury, so far been half-hearted.

The Treasury report's verdict is that "progress has been much slower than Britain and other countries would like." It gloomily predicts that the step-by-step liberalization will continue. A Japanese Big Bang is out of the question.

The only practical way of changing Japanese ways is to play the game according to their rules; that is to discriminate until a fairer compromise is reached. If Nomura wants to spread its wings into the primary gilt-edged market in London or if Japanese institutions are looking for new licences the authorities have the power to say no until concessions are granted in Japan. This power should be used.

The Treasury repeats Paul Channon's warning of last November: "I would expect Japan to provide British firms reciprocal access to their market, in particular to the Tokyo Stock Exchange... I do not consider that such reciprocal access has yet been provided."

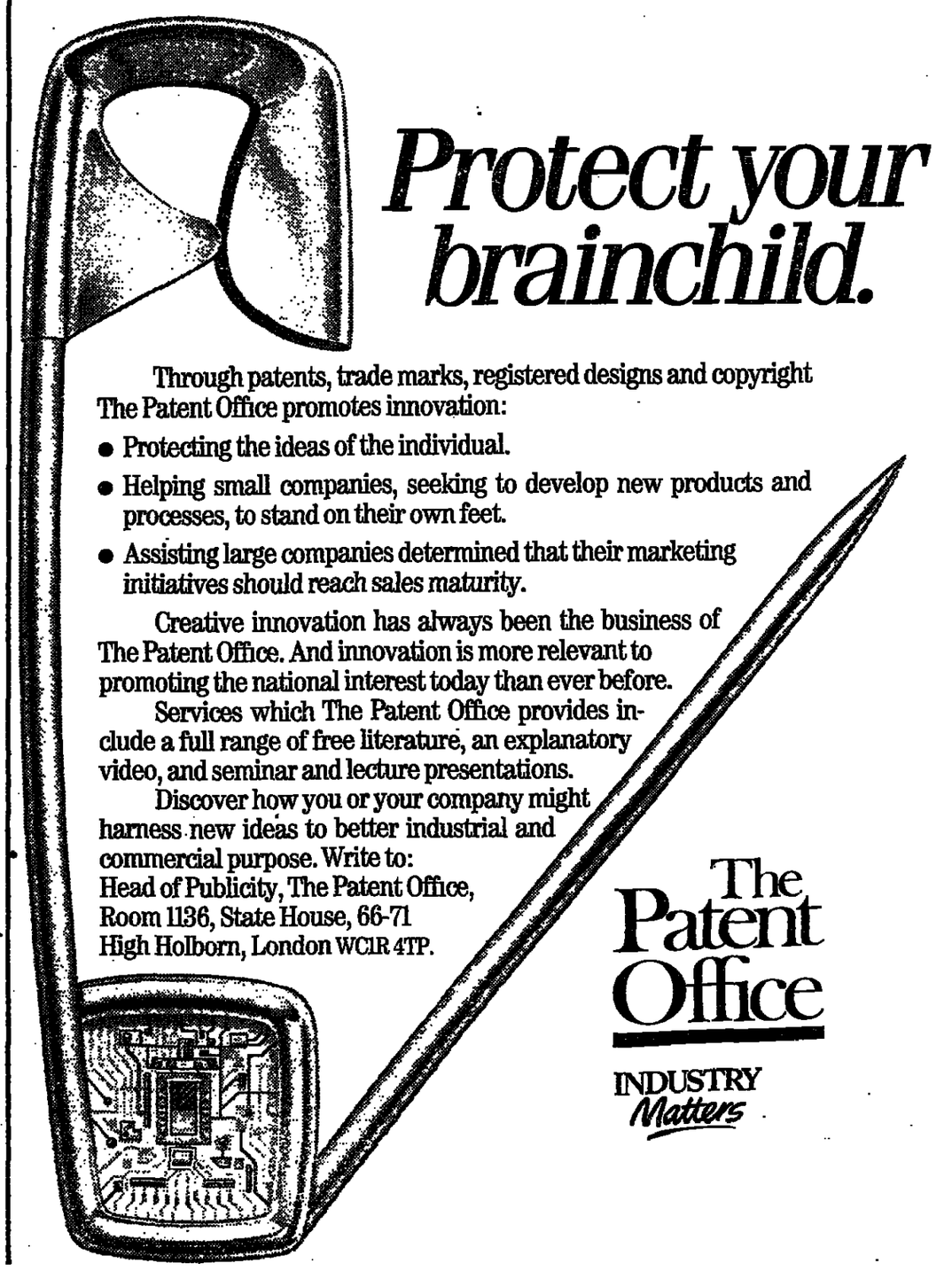
High marks for Big Bang

Fears haunted City authorities in the approach to Big Bang last October. Would the new electronic dealing systems, unfamiliar and untried in the hands of most traders and their clients, stand the test on days of heavy turnover? Would those firms which chose their own hardware and software packages to interface with SEAQ and Topic be proved to have chosen wisely and well? Could the electronic settlement systems smoothly supersede the reliable old methods without undue embarrassment to the City and those who use it? After a distinctly shaky start, the new systems have bedded down well.

The other greater fear was that Big Bang might coincide with the end of the majestic bull market in equities which began in 1975 and received a new leaae of life in the early years of the first Thatcher administration. Coupled with an explosion in market making capacity in both gilt-edged and equities, and a sharp fall in commissions, that could have led to a rush of mergers, failures or at the very least a painful lack of profitability. Once again, those fears have proved groundless.

In the last years of the old regime, the future of London as a leading financial centre seemed far from secure. Compared with its rivals, London was a high cost City in which to invest. Structurally, the firms which dominated the major markets were hopelessly undercapitalized, and as partnerships could do little to remedy their position. Little wonder that bit by bit, markets which were and should have remained securely London's were moving to pastures greener.

Sooner or later the tough trading environment is sure to lead to casualties and the inevitable problems of a low turnover and falling prices have to be surmounted. But after the first seriously analytical assessemnt the verdict on Big Bang is resoundingly favourable.



RECENT ISSUES

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Gaynor (94p)	120
Geest (125p)	215 -5
Glentree (16p)	50 -1
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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 11	Market rates close February 11	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5215-1.5265	1.5215-1.5225	0.56-0.52prem	1.62-1.57prem
Montreal	2.0361-2.0442	2.0379-2.0425	0.62-0.52prem	1.67-1.52prem
Ams'dam	3.1127-3.1255	3.1127-3.1171	1⅝-1¾prem	4¾-4prem
Brussels	57.18-57.38	57.27-57.38	16-11prem	43-36prem
C'phgen	10.4158-10.4748	10.4158-10.4379	1¾prem-⅝dis	1¼prem-½dis
Dublin	1.3047-1.0449	1.0384-1.0394	22-28dis	52-83dis
Frankfurt	2.7623-2.7709	2.7623-2.7664	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	213.85-215.39	213.85-214.75	75-231dis	275-434dis
Madrid	194.98-195.66	194.98-195.26	16-47dis	60-98dis
Milan	1963.99-1973.00	1963.99-1968.85	2prem-1dis	3prem-1dis
Oslo	10.6257-10.6763	10.6257-10.6479	2⅛-3¼dis	10⅛-11⅜dis
Paris	9.1929-9.2277	9.1929-9.2096	2⅜-1⅝prem	5⅜-4½prem
St'khlm	9.8805-9.9084	9.8805-9.8978	par-1¼dis	⅛prem-1¼dis
Tokyo	233.48-234.09	233.70-234.08	1¼-1⅛prem	3⅛-3¼prem
Vienna	19.41-19.48	19.45-19.48	10¾-9prem	28¼-26½prem
Zurich	2.3378-2.3455	2.3401-2.3446	1½-1⅛prem	4¼-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.5 (day's range 68.5-68.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.0628-2.0703
Australia dollar	2.2797-2.2830
Bahrain dinar	0.5730-0.5770
Brazil cruzado*	26.4601-26.6102
Cyprus pound	0.7350-0.7456
Finland marka	6.9065-6.9455
Greece drachma	202.30-204.30
Hong Kong dollar	11.8589-11.8763
India rupee	19.70-19.90
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4205-0.4245
Malaysia dollar	3.8770-3.8819
Mexico peso	1550-1565
New Zealand dollar	2.7861-2.7982
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7030-5.7430
Singapore dollar	3.2613-3.2651
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2040-6.3375
S Africa rand (com)	3.1683-3.1838
U A E dirham	5.5840-5.6240

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4665-1.4695
Singapore	2.1400-2.1410
Malaysia	2.5440-2.5455
Australia	0.6680-0.6685
Canada	1.1358-1.1363
Sweden	6.4900-6.4950
Norway	6.5900-6.5950
Denmark	6.8475-6.8525
West Germany	1.8130-1.8140
Switzerland	1.5330-1.5340
Netherlands	2.0460-2.0470
France	6.0390-6.0440
Japan	1253.35-153.45
Italy	1290.0-1291.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.54-37.58
Hong Kong	7.7880-7.7890
Portugal	140.50-141.00
Spain	126.25-126.35
Austria	12.77-12.80

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First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 26	May 28	Jun 8

Call options were taken out on: 11/2/87 Adams, Amstrad, Abaco, British Benzol, Scot & New., Burtons, Rmlin, THF, London International, Armour Trust, Harris Queensway, International Signal, Eden Rock, British Airways, Federated Housing, British Land, Hawley, Metal Closures, Douglas RM, Beatson Clark, Ossary Estate, Dares Estate, Alexanders Holdings, British Vita, Eglinton, Saville Gordon, Five Oaks, London Securities, TR Energy, Ladbroke, Rotaprint, American Business Systems, Hall & Homes.

Puts: Amstrad, Abaco, Beatson Clark, Rockware.

Puts & Calls: Amstrad, Guinness, British Airways.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 10⅞
Week fixed: 10⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 10⁷⁷/₃₂; 3 mnth 10²¹/₃₂
Selling: 2 mnth 10²¹/₃₂; 3 mnth 10¹⁹/₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10³¹/₃₂-10²⁹/₃₂ 2 mnth 10²³/₃₂-10¹¹/₁₆
3 mnth 10²¹/₃₂-10⅝ 6 mnth 10⅛-10⁷/₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11⅛ 2 mnth 11⅛
3 mnth 11³/₃₂ 6 mnth 10⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 11
1 week 11¼-11 6 mnth 10²⁹/₃₂-10²³/₃₂
1 mnth 11⅜-11⅛ 9 mnth 10⅝-10⅝
3 mnth 10²¹/₃₂-10²³/₃₂ 12 mnth 10¹¹/₁₆-10⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅝ 7 days 10⅝
1 mnth 10⅝ 3 mnth 10⅝
6 mnth 10⅝ 12 mnth 10½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 2 mnth 11¼-11
3 mnth 11-10⅝ 6 mnth 11-10⅝
9 mnth 10¾-10½ 12 mnth 10¾-10½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-10²⁹/₃₂ 3 mnth 10¹⁵/₁₆-10¹⁵/₁₆
6 mnth 10⅝-10⅝ 12 mnth 10⅝-10½

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.50-6.00 3 mnth 6.25-6.00
6 mnth 6.25-6.00 12 mnth 6.25-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	6⅜-5⅝
7 days	6⅛-6⅜	1 mnth 6⅛-6⅜
3 mnth	6⅛-6⅜	6 mnth 6⅛-6⅜
Deutschemark	call	4¼-3¾
7 days	4¾-4	1 mnth 4⅛-4
3 mnth	4⅛-4	6 mnth 4⅛-4
French Franc	call	8⅛-7½
7 days	8⅝-8½	1 mnth 8⅝-8⅛
3 mnth	8⅛-8⅜	6 mnth 8¹³/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆
Swiss Franc	call	2¼-1⅛
7 days	1⅝-1⅜	1 mnth 3⅛-3
3 mnth	3¹¹/₁₆-3⅝	6 mnth 3¼-3⅛
Yen	call	5-4
7 days	4½-4¾	1 mnth 4½-4⅜
3 mnth	4⅞-4¹³/₁₆	6 mnth 4¼-4⅜

BULLION

Gold $401.00-401.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 402.00-405.00 (£264.00-266.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 96.50-97.50 (£63.50-64.25)
Platinum
$ 523.75 (£343.65)
Silver
$ 5.5100-5.5300 (£3.6200-3.6350)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 1, 1987 to January 30, 1987 inclusive: 11.098 per cent.

● **SCOTTISH AMERICAN INVESTMENT CO:** Final dividend 0.475p making 1.825p (1.6375p) for 1986. Figures in £000. Shareholders' funds 227,007 (191,005), dividend and interest receivable 6,761 (6,669), other income 291 (266) income before tax 5,821 (6,138), eps 1.78p (1.79p), net asset value per share 101.52p (85.42p). It is intended that a dividend of 0.5p will be declared for the first quarter of the year.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*354)	300	63	68	78	2	2	6
	330	37	47	57	5	13	16
	360	15	28	40	17	35	30
British Gas (*71)	50	22	24½	—	½	½	—
	60	12½	16	19½	1½	1	1½
	70	4¾	8½	12	3¼	4½	5
British Airways (*107)	100	15	17	22	5	8	11
	110	7½	12	16	10	14	18
	120	3½	6½	10	19	23	24
BP (*789)	700	92	109	—	4	11	—
	750	48	70	88	15	23	30
	800	23	43	62	45	48	58
Cons Gold (*770)	700	94	107	130	13	26	35
	750	54	77	95	26	50	67
	800	33	50	65	52	77	92
Courtaulds (*391)	300	101	107	—	1	1	—
	330	71	80	97	1	6	10
	360	48	55	75	4	8	16
	390	29	39	60	15	20	24
Com Union (*324)	280	48	55	62	4	8	11
	300	32	39	46	10	15	18
	330	14	23	29	24	27	30
Cable & Wire (*375)	325	60	—	—	2	—	—
	350	38	—	—	6	—	—
	360	—	45	58	—	17	20
	390	16	25	40	25	30	38
GEC (*215)	180	40	48	54	1	3	5
	200	22	32	38	4	8	11
	220	9	19	27	11	15	20
Grand Met (*496)	390	107	—	—	1	—	—
	420	77	92	102	1½	6	11
	460	43	62	73	6	13	20
	500	16	40	50	23	30	35
ICI (*1347)	1250	120	150	175	15	30	37
	1300	80	120	145	32	44	57
	1350	55	95	115	60	70	80
	1400	35	70	90	87	100	110
Land Securities (*359)	300	64	69	77	1	2	3
	330	36	44	52	2½	7	10
	360	16	24	31	12	16	21
Marks & Spen (*207)	180	31	36	43	1	4	8
	200	15	22	28	7	11	13
	220	7	11	16	17	20	23
Shell Trans (*1107)	1000	118	133	158	3	9	20
	1050	80	102	125	10	20	33
	1100	45	70	93	32	40	53
Trafalgar House (*335)	260	82	90	98	1	2	5
	280	62	70	78	2	6	10
	300	42	52	63	4	12	15
TSB (*79)	70	10½	14½	16½	1	2½	3
	80	4½	7	10½	5	6	6½
	90	1	2½	—	12½	13½	—
Woolworth (*763)	650	130	140	160	4	7	12
	700	87	110	120	10	18	23
	750	52	65	78	25	40	45

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Glaxo continued	1400	30	70	112	95	113	128
Hanson (*156)	120	37½	—	—	1	—	—
	135	23	27	32½	1	2½	4½
	150	10½	16½	22½	4	7½	9
	165	3½	10	14½	12	15	17
Jaguar (*595)	500	100	115	132	1	6	7
	550	53	73	90	4	17	20
	600	22	40	57	24	35	43
Thorn EMI (*555)	460	108	118	125	1	2	3
	500	65	80	92	2	5	10
	550	25	43	57	14	23	30
	600	7	22	28	50	55	62
Tesco (*452)	390	68	77	82	2	3	9
	420	40	50	72	4	9	18
	460	12	28	45	18	22	32
THF (*208)	180	30	36	42	1	1½	3½
	200	15	23	28	4	11	14
	220	5½	13	17	16	19	24

	Series	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug
Brit Aero (*651)	500	155	160	175	¼	2	3
	550	105	110	125	½	4	12
	600	55	75	92	1	14	25
BAT Inds (*512)	390	123	128	—	1	1	—
	420	93	98	110	1	2	5
	460	53	65	82	1	6	13
	500	14	35	50	4	20	28
Barclays (*563)	460	95	105	115	1	3	7
	500	55	67	80	1	7	15
	550	10	28	45	6	28	35
Bnt Telecom (*238)	200	39	45	49	½	1½	3
	220	19	28	33	½	4½	9
	240	3½	16	22	5	14	19
Cadbury Schwpps (*238)	200	39	44	52	¼	3	7
	220	20	30	36	1	8	11
	240	5	14	23	7	17	21
Guinness (*305)	280	30	40	57	2	8	17
	300	10	32	48	7	20	25
	330	1	18	25	25	30	35
Ladbroke (*434)	360	75	80	90	1	1½	3
	390	45	55	67	1	6	11
	420	17	32	43	3	16	20
LASMO (*191)	160	32	40	45	1	4	6
	180	13	24	33	1½	9	14
	200	3	15	23	12	21	22
Midland Bank (*633)	550	83	92	105	2	8	12
	600	33	50	67	4	22	27
	650	5	27	42	25	45	50
P & O (*610)	500	113	122	132	1	3	7
	550	68	78	85	2	8	13
	600	13	37	58	8	25	32
Racal (*230)	180	50	58	66	½	3	5
	200	30	40	48	1	6	9
	220	11½	26	34	3	10	15
RTZ (*766)	650	120	142	157	2	4	9
	700	70	97	117	2	15	20
	750	27	57	84	6	37	47
	800	5	33	54	40	62	72
Vaal Reef (*91)	80	11	16½	20½	1	3½	4½
	90	2	10	13½	3½	7½	8½
	100	1	4½	7½	11	13½	14½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham (*504)	390	122	130	140	1	2	6
	420	92	102	113	1	5	10
	460	57	68	82	6	12	20
	500	25	42	57	16	27	33
Boots (*278)	240	41	46	55	1	5	6
	260	23	29	38	2	7	12
	300	12	19	23	10	17	18
BTR (*311)	260	55	60	70	1	4	5
	280	38	45	55	3	9	11
	300	19	28	40	7	16	19
Bass (*846)	750	105	115	145	4	8	12
	800	63	83	103	10	20	30
	850	32	53	68	32	50	58
Blue Circle (*680)	650	52	65	82	82	17	23
	700	18	37	55	30	42	50
	750	7	15	30	70	80	90
De Beers (*967)	800	180	205	235	7	17	30
	850	130	175	195	12	30	45
	900	105	140	165	45	40	60
	950	75	110	140	45	65	85
Dixons (*343)	300	48	60	65	2	4	5
	330	26	38	50	8	14	16
	360	11	24	34	28	32	34
GKN (*326)	260	69	72	78	1	2	3
	280	49	52	58	1½	4	7
	300	30	37	43	5	10	14
	330	12	21	29	15	23	27
Glaxo (*1321)	1250	103	150	190	17	37	54
	1300	70	120	160	34	60	73
	1350	47	92	132	65	83	95

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Lonrho (*272)	200	72	72	—	1½	1½	—
	220	52	53	56	2	3½	6½
	240	32	35	39	3	7	10
	260	13	20	24	8	14	19

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*2105)	102	32/32	3¼	5 9/16	1/32	7/32	⅞
	104	1	1⅞	2⅝	¼	⅝	1⅝
	106	1/32	1	1 15/16	1 17/32	2⅛	2¼
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*2114)	110	50/16	78/16	5⅝	1/16	1	31/32
	112	31/16	58/16	4⅝	⅛	29/32	43/16
	114	12/16	42/16	5 9/16	1 15/16	45/32	3⅝
	116	2/32	27/16	2⅛	2 9/32	63/32	76/16
	118	1/32	1 15/16	—	4⅛	5¼	—
	120	1/16	13/16	—	6½	6¼	—

		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
FT-SE Index (*1893)	1600	303	310	—	—	1	1	—	—
	1625	278	285	—	—	1	1	—	—
	1650	235	260	280	—	1	1	2	—
	1675	228	235	255	—	1	2	2	—
	1700	203	212	232	—	1	3	5	—
	1750	153	170	188	—	3	8	15	—
	1800	105	127	145	158	5	20	25	30
	1850	63	88	107	120	14	35	45	52

February 11, 1987. Total contracts 82465. Calls 58514. Puts 22951. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls: 1060. Puts: 852

Wace Group buys Plus Graphics in £4.9m deal

The Wace Group typesetting and printing company continued its expansion programme by paying £4.9 million in shares for the private Plus Graphics group yesterday. Plus Graphics trades under the name In-Line.

In the year to March 31, Plus Graphics profits totalled £543,000 while Wace profits for the year to December 31 are expected to be no less than £625,000, against £284,000 in the previous year.

However, the directors have sounded a note of warning that reorganizing costs will mean a below-the-line extraordinary item of £230,000, but they expect to be able to declare an interim dividend for the first six months of the current year, the first since 1980.

Wace's Onslow House headquarters in London, the freehold of which was bought for £1.2 million in September has been valued at £4.23 million.

Panel finding accepted

Advisers to Barrow Hepburn accepted yesterday the finding that there had been no artificial support for the share price of unwelcome bidders Yule Catto.

The Takeover Panel had declared on Tuesday night that an investigation had revealed no evidence of any rule-breaking.

Barrow has now accepted a £28 million bid from BTP, and a spokesman for the company's advisers, Standard Chartered Merchant Bank, said that the company had wanted to make sure that there was no "fan club" behind the strong rise in price.

There had since been a spate of stockbrokers' circulars lauding the quality of the shares which could have led to a re-rating of the stock he added.

King's men

Merseyside Development Corporation has chosen Speciality Shops, based at Knightsbridge in central London, to develop the King's Waterfront of small shops and leisure facilities at Liverpool docks.

In brief

● **AUTOMAGIC HOLDINGS:** Results for 24 weeks to October 11 (figures in £000). Interim dividend 2.25p (2.25p), payable on May 4.

● **KLEINWORT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final dividend 1.5p making 2.5p (same) for 1986, payable on April 24 (figures in £000). Investment income 3,467,504 (3,602,669), other income 257,655 (289,033), net earnings 2,024,996 (2,033,943), eps 62p (2.54p), net asset value per share 181.8p (138.7p).

● **GENERAL CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final dividend 9p making 13p (13.1p) for 1986 (figures in £000). Revenue — franked 2,074 (1,783), unfranked 1,111 (1,139). Gross revenue 4,122 (3,651). Revenue before tax 3,679 (3,295), eps 13.23p (11.4p), net asset value per share 391.6p (323.7p).

● **TR CITY OF LONDON TRUST:** Six months to December 31 (figures in £000). Second interim dividend 0.5p (0.4875p). Revenue from listed asset investments — franked 2,562 (2,556), unfranked 382 (419).

● **MANGANESE BRONZE HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend 1.5p (nil) for six months to January 31, payable on April 6. Figures in £000. Turnover 25,486 (22,259), profit on trading 1,893 (1,307), pretax profit 1,555 (858), tax 544 (329), eps 6.03p (3.12p).

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol.
Mar 87	89.27	89.28	89.24	89.25	1944
Jun 87	89.71	89.73	89.67	89.70	546
Sep 87	89.93	89.93	89.88	89.90	353
Dec 87	89.95	89.96	89.93	89.94	128
Mar 88	89.89	89.92	89.86	89.86	40
Jun 88	89.76		89.76	89.76	25

Previous day's total open interest 17695

Three Month Eurodollar					Previous day's total open interest 31455
Mar 87	93.50	93.53	93.46	93.48	5249
Jun 87	93.51	93.54	93.45	93.48	4998
Sep 87	93.50	93.53	93.47	93.48	1163
Dec 87	93.41	93.46	93.38	93.39	242

US Treasury Bond					Previous day's total open interest 4310
Mar 87	98-15	98-28	98-13	98-21	4191
Jun 87	97-17	97-21	97-17	97-24	50
Sep 87	N/T	-----	-----	-----	0

Short Gilt					Previous day's total open interest 66
Mar 87	N/T	-----	-----	99-18	0
Jun 87	-----	-----	-----	-----	0
Sep 87	-----	-----	-----	-----	0

Long Gilt					Previous day's total open interest 19978
Mar 87	115-26	115-30	115-15	115-24	17640
Jun 87	116-01	116-01	115-24	115-31	360
Sep 87	N/T	-----	-----	116-10	0
Dec 87	N/T	-----	-----	115-30	0

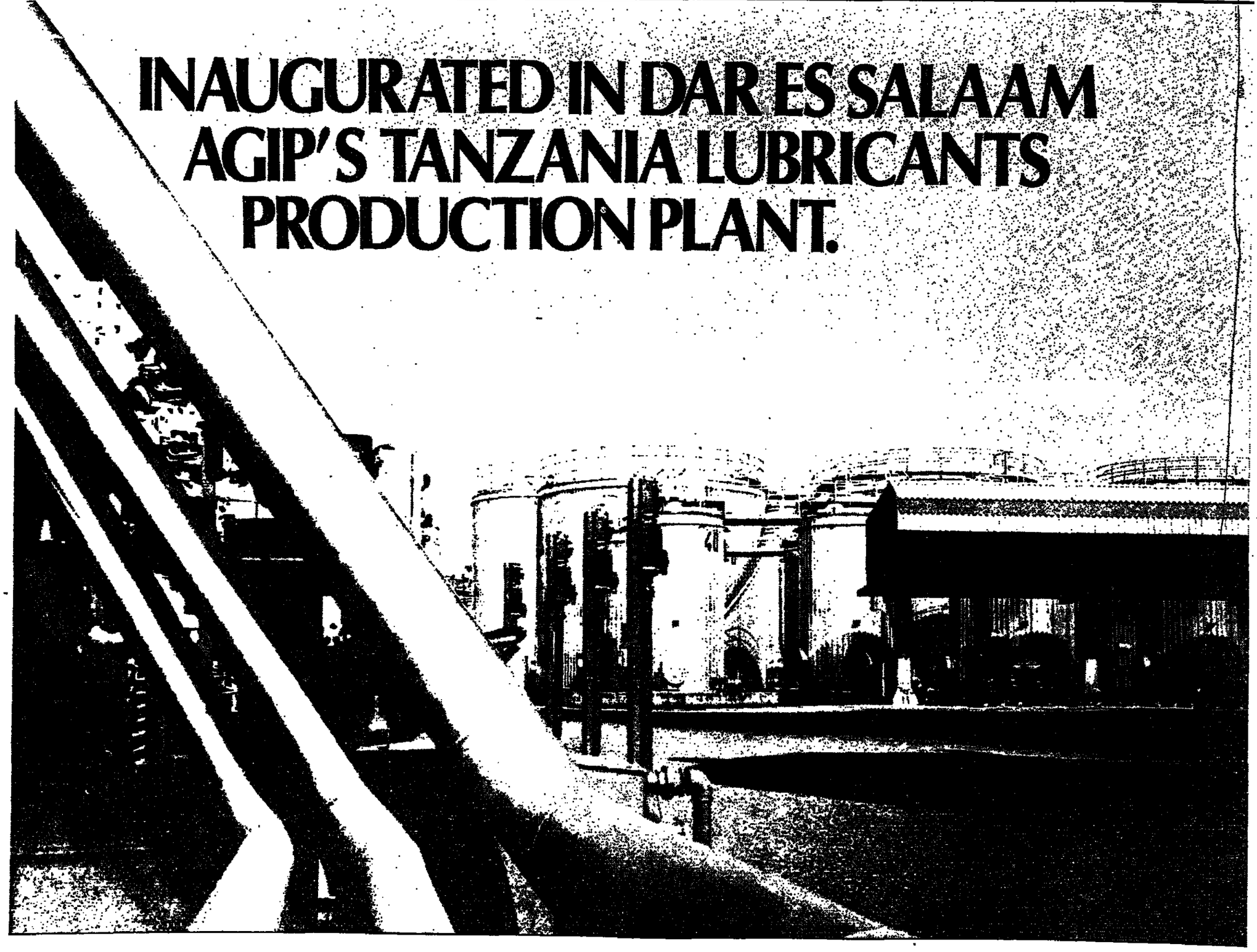
FT-SE 100					Previous day's total open interest 3730
Mar 87	190.50	192.20	190.00	190.50	1377
Jun 87	193.30	195.30	193.30	194.00	19

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.0%
Adam & Company	11.0%
BCCI	11.0%
Citibank Savings†	12.4%
Consolidated Crds	11.0%
Co-operative Bank	11.0%
C. Hoare & Co	11.0%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.0%
Lloyds Bank	11.0%
Nat Westminster	11.0%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.0%
TSB	11.0%
Citibank NA	11.0%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares make strong rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 9. Dealings end February 20. §Contango day February 23. Settlement day March 2.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are page 20

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Scot TV	Cinemas, TV	
2	Magnet & South	Building, Roads	
3	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building, Roads	
4	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	Breweries	
5	TVS N/V	Cinemas, TV	
6	Lloyds (aa)	Banks, Discount	
7	Collins (Wm)	Newspapers,Pub	
8	Allied-Lyons (aa)	Breweries	
9	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
10	Jaguar (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
11	Haynes Publishing	Newspapers,Pub	
12	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	Tomkinsons	Textiles	
14	Headlam Sims	Shoes,Leather	
15	Fosseco-Minsep	Chemicals, Plas	
16	Lamont	Textiles	
17	Unigate	Foods	
18	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
19	Beazer (CH)	Industrials A-D	
20	Expamet	Industrials E-K	
21	AB Foods	Foods	
22	Burton (aa)	Drapery, Stores	
23	Allied Colloids	Chemicals, Plas	
24	Ferranti	Electricals	
25	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
26	Gerrard Nat	Banks, Discount	
27	Stanley (AG)	Drapery, Stores	
28	GKN (aa)	Industrials B-K	
29	Blick	Electricals	
30	Kennedy Brookes	Hotels,Caterers	
31	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
32	Stead & Simpson 'A'	Drapery, Stores	
33	Stone Intl	Electricals	
34	Superdrug Stores	Drapery, Stores	
35	Parkdale	Property	
36	First Nat Finance	Banks, Discount	
37	Garnar Booth	Shoes,Leather	
38	Freemans	Drapery, Stores	
39	Carroll	Tobaccos	
40	Eurotherm	Electricals	
41	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
42	Time Products	Drapery, Stores	
43	Ultramar	Oil	
44	Kwik Save	Foods	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
291	220	Allied-Lyons (aa)	288	289	+2	14.5	4.1	10.2
74	58	Ansells	73	74		3.5	4.7	11.2
149	120	Bass	146	147	+1	6.5	4.4	10.2
142	110	Boddingtons	135	136		3.5	2.6	20.9
171	137	Brent Walker	167	168	+1	3.5	2.1	14.2
147	120	Burtonwood	145	146		3.5	2.4	12.2
191	150	Chef & Brewer	188	189		5.5	2.9	12.2
145	110	Devenish (S)	140	142		3.5	2.5	12.2
135	110	Eldridge Pope 'A'	130	132		3.5	2.7	11.2
135	110	Do 'B'	130	132		3.5	2.7	11.2
140	110	Fuller	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Greenall Whitley	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Greene King	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Grt Yarmouth	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Hall & Woodhouse	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Highgate	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Ind Coope	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Lion	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Marston Thompson	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Matthew Brown	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Morland	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Nthn Clubs	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Pubmaster	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Ruddles	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Scottish Courage	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Shepherd Neame	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Tennent Caledonian	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Theakston	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Tolly Cobbold	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Vaux	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Wadworth	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Whitbread 'A'	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Whitbread A-D	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2
140	110	Young 'A'	135	136		3.5	2.6	12.2

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
222	222	Abbey	222	222	-1	11.5	5.2	23.2
314	245	Amec	312	314		16.4	5.2	8.5
41	29	Anglo Uts	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'A'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'B'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'C'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'D'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'E'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'F'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'G'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'H'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'I'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'J'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'K'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'L'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'M'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'N'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'O'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'P'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'Q'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'R'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'S'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'T'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'U'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'V'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'W'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'X'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'Y'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'Z'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AA'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AB'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AC'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AD'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AE'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AF'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AG'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AH'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AI'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AJ'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AK'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AL'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AM'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AN'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AO'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AP'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AQ'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AR'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AS'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AT'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AU'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AV'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AW'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
41	29	Ashtenne 'AX'	41	42		2.24	5.3	8.5
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41	29	Ashtenne 'IV'	41	42

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Lines like)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	108.1	115.4	-1.1	10.48
High Inc Equity	106.7	115.6	-0.9	4.58
Worldwide Bond	202.7	215.6e	+0.3	4.50
American Growth	166.5	177.1	-3.9	0.00
Asian Pacific	85.3	89.4	+0.4	1.63
Assets & Earns	126.5	134.5	-1.9	2.13
Capital Reserve	67.5	67.9	-0.1	1.49
Comm & Energy	112.0	119.1	-1.1	0.96
European Capital	95.8	101.9	+1.2	1.24
General	155.1	164.9e	-0.5	2.58
Income	78.0	82.9	+0.1	
UK Growth Inc	120.8	128.5	-0.5	1.72
Do Accum	174.8	185.7	-0.7	0.85
US Emerging Co's	57.1	60.7	-1.2	0.06
Equities Progress	242.9	258.4	-2.4	2.70
Mortgage Acc	71.9	76.4	-0.5	2.15
American Inc	50.8	54.0e	-1.3	4.86

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

UK Special Sits	256.7	274.2e	-3.1	2.92
Growth & Income	151.3	160.4	-1.5	2.82
Capital Trust	254.3	269.6	-3.6	2.56
Balanced	407.2	431.6	-5.9	2.19
Accum Trust	625.3	662.8	-9.0	2.87
American Income	33.8	36.0e	-0.3	4.14
High Income Tst	295.1	312.2	-2.7	4.41
Equity Income	158.2	167.7	-1.4	4.56
High Yield	163.7	173.5	-2.0	4.87
Gilt Secs Trust	28.9	30.6	-0.1	8.10
International	98.7	105.1e	-0.5	0.77
Japan Fund	126.0	134.2	+0.2	0.01
Pacific Trust	206.7	220.1	-0.2	0.51
Amer Spcl Sits	73.3	78.1	-1.3	1.42
Spcls Of Amer Tst	219.8	234.2	-4.8	0.52
Ast Asset Value	262.5	278.2	-2.4	3.05
Conv & Gilt Trust	36.6	38.8	-1.1	6.31
Smaller Co's	146.2	153.9e	-4.3	2.60
2nd Smaller Co's	185.7	196.8	+0.7	2.04
Recovery Trust	94.5	100.2	-0.3	1.87

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd

BAILLIE GIFFORD
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2561 (Dealers 031-226 6065)

Int Ex (2)	474.2	494.3		0.64
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4e		0.10
UK Ex (31)	268.8	285.1		1.28
P Sel Perm Int	570.6	600.6		
P Sel Perm UK	223.1	234.9		
BG America	176.5	187.8	-3.8	0.00
BG Energy	180.5	192.1	-1.4	1.75
BG Income Growth	230.5	245.3	-0.5	4.68
BG Japan	200.2	213.0	+0.8	0.00
BG Technology	184.7	196.5	+2.6	0.00

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
30, Cheswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6901

American	52.5	55.9e	-0.9	1.87
Australian	23.5	24.8	-0.4	1.65
Japan & General	120.3	127.9	+0.1	0.06
High Income	90.0	93.2	+0.7	5.66
International Trust	91.7	97.6	-0.4	0.63
Income Gth Tst	85.9	91.4e	+0.9	3.39
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.4	21.8		10.55
Global Markets	31.7	40.2	-0.1	1.36
Special Situations	52.3	55.7	-0.6	1.71

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	94.9	100.4	-2.9	1.30
Aust Accum	196.7	208.1	-2.2	0.67
Do Income	138.7	146.7	-1.5	0.67
Capital	94.5e	99.8e	-0.6	2.66
Exempt Trust	497.5	526.4	-2.8	2.17
Extra Income	85.0	89.9	-0.7	4.92
Financial	256.3	271.2	-0.7	2.78
500	303.9	321.6e	-1.4	2.78
General	158.3	167.5	-1.2	2.64
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.0	55.7c	-0.2	9.84
Japan & Gen Inc	177.0	187.3		0.00
Do Acc	179.9	190.4		0.00
Growth Accum	198.4	209.9	-1.1	2.08
Income Trust	382.8	405.0e	-3.5	3.88
Leisure Trust	88.6	93.7e	-0.7	1.74
Special Situations	154.8	163.7	-0.7	2.77
Recovery	239.5	242.8	-0.7	2.37
Trustee Fund	119.2	126.1e	-1.3	2.65
Unv Tech Accum	62.7	64.2	-0.6	0.00
Do Income	60.1	63.5	-0.7	0.00
Worldwide Trust	154.7	163.6e	-1.1	1.13
B Tst Inv Fund Acc	387.6	410.1	+0.9	2.65
Do Inc	247.4	261.7	+2.7	2.95

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XD
01-658 3000

Australia	84.1	89.9	-1.7	0.30
Eastern	77.6	82.8	-1.3	0.30
Equity Income	67.1	71.3	-0.9	5.90
Europe	140.7	149.6	+1.7	1.00
Growth & Inc	70.5	75.5c	-1.0	3.00
Japan Special	110.8	118.0e	-0.5	0.30
Japan Sunrise	94.4	100.5	-0.2	0.30
First Europe	121.2	129.0	+1.6	0.60
First Japan	89.6	95.4	+0.2	1.10
First N Amer	53.6	57.0	+0.6	1.10
First Smaller Cos	77.0	81.9	+0.1	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 3000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	66.8	70.5e	-2.1	0.95
Do Accum	68.6	72.4e	-2.2	0.86
European Inc	102.7	108.4	+3.4	1.21
Do Accum	126.7	133.7	+4.2	1.21
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	24.7	26.1	+0.2	2.12
Do Accum	31.7	33.4	+0.2	2.12
General Inc	190.3	200.8e	+2.5	2.56
Do Accum	263.0	277.5e	+3.4	2.56
Gilt Yield Inc	112.2	118.6	-0.1	10.13
Do Accum	184.9	195.0	-0.2	10.13
High Yield Inc	104.9	109.7e	+0.7	4.52
Do Accum	211.1	222.7	+1.3	4.52
Int Rec Inc	112.6	118.8	+0.9	1.88
Do Accum	119.1	125.6	+1.0	1.86
Japan Inc	249.9	263.6	-0.6	0.28
Do Accum	251.6	265.4	-0.7	0.28
Japanese Spec Inc	113.1	119.3	-0.3	0.24
Do Accum	113.5	119.7	-0.4	0.24
N American Inc	56.0	59.1	-1.3	0.70
Do Accum	66.1	69.7	-1.5	0.70
Pacific Inc	146.1	154.1	-0.7	0.56
Do Accum	166.5	175.6	-0.9	0.56
Planned Investment	145.9	154.3		3.50
Smaller Cos Inc	97.8	102.7	+1.0	0.88
Do Accum	116.1	122.5	+1.0	0.88
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	31.0	32.7e	+0.5	0.52
Do Accum	51.3	54.1e	+0.8	0.52
Worldwide Tech Inc	43.3	45.7	-0.3	0.99
Do Accum	43.7	46.1	-0.3	0.99
KB High Yield Inc	152.7	161.1	+1.6	4.74
Do Accum	257.9	272.1	+3.1	4.74

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Pennymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	150.4	160.9e	+3.7	2.25
Smaller Cos Acc	269.0	284.6	-6.7	
Do Income	171.7	181.7	-4.4	0.90
High Income	76.9	82.3	-0.8	5.40
Income	88.0	94.2	-0.8	4.12
Main Portfolio Inc	76.7	82.0e	-0.6	2.47
Do Acc	130.2	139.2e	-0.9	
North American	63.6	68.0	-0.4	1.30
Orient	91.2	97.5	+1.4	0.30

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	57.5	61.2		2.50
General Inc (4)	254.8	268.2		2.08
Do Accum (4)	410.6	432.2		2.08
Income Fund (9)	115.2	120.6		4.29
Do Accum (9)	205.9	215.4		4.29
Int Inc (2)	147.5	153.7e	+2.8	1.25
Do Accum (2)	196.3	204.4e	+3.7	1.25
Smaller Inc (5)	707	75.0e		2.07
Do Accum	76.0	80.6e		2.07

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1142

C5 Japan Fund	89.8	95.5	+0.7	0.52

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8878

Growth	339.3	349.5	+2.9	2.73
Income	380.3	402.4	+4.5	4.51
Far East	249.7	263.2	+1.2	0.24
North American	166.3	177.0	-2.2	0.52
Global	94.3	99.6	-0.3	0.77
European	93.2	98.5	+0.6	1.26
Japan	91.0	94.9	+0.1	0.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 351 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JD
01-621 0011

Capital	399.5	425.1	-1.1	1.65
Income	324.5	345.3	-3.0	4.52
North American	320.3	340.8	-4.6	1.09

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	443.2			4.18
Fixed Int	138.75			10.31
Deposit	100.0			10.85

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

S & G Special Sits	58.2	61.8		0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	417.71		4.67
Accum	£12,251.8		
Deposit	100.0		10.85

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Growth	21.4	23.0	-0.4	1.90
Equity High Income	49.8	52.7	-0.4	4.90
European Growth	31.3	33.2	+0.4	2.00
General Equity	44.6	47.2	+0.7	2.30
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	23.5	24.9	+0.1	9.50
Gilt & Fixed Inc	20.5	21.7	+0.1	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	25.7	27.2	-0.6	5.00
Japan Growth	35.0	37.1	+0.3	0.80
Pedigree Gth	27.6	29.3	+0.2	2.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818

UK & Gen Inc	51.6	55.1	-0.9	3.18
Do Accum	51.5	55.1	-0.7	4.55
Income Inc	51.3	54.9	-0.7	4.55
Do Accum	51.3	54.9	-0.7	4.55
Worldwide Inc	49.9	53.4	-0.9	1.56
Do Accum	49.9	53.4	-0.5	1.56

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161 Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

Energy Trust	52.3	55.3c	-1.7	3.80
Extra Income	188.4	199.4e	-1.8	4.71
Financial	192.9	204.2e	-0.4	1.96
Gilt Strategy	57.9	59.7	-0.1	2.04
Growth Investment	356.6	345.7e	-4.9	2.19
Income & Growth	47.2	49.8e	-0.6	3.95
Japanese Growth	216.4	229.0	+0.3	0.54
Recovery	220.5	233.3	+0.5	1.51
Intl Recovery	125.9	133.2e	-0.9	1.60
Smaller Cos	251.6	266.3c	-0.3	2.10
Special Inc Tst	63.0	66.7	-0.6	5.17
Special Sec Acc	222.1	242.0	-1.9	1.22

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

High Income Trust	282.6	300.8	+5.4	4.35
Crown Trust	257.6	274.0e	+3.9	2.63
American Trust	142.1	151.2e	-3.8	0.66

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42434

UK Income	55.1	58.7e	-0.9	4.72
UK Growth Accum	60.6	64.4e	-0.8	2.41
Do Dist	60.5	64.4e	-0.8	2.41
European Growth	62.6	66.6	+0.5	1.88
Pacific Growth	59.6	63.5	+0.1	0.61

EPM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fund	74.8	79.6	-2.0	1.29
Capital Fund	117.7	125.3	+0.8	1.36
Growth & Inc Fund	135.1	151.9e	+0.7	3.65
High Income Fund	129.0	137.3	-1.0	5.00
International Fund	223.5	238.1	-1.1	0.95
Resources Fund	28.4	30.2	-0.1	0.33
Small Cap Co's Fnd	33.5	35.3	+0.2	
Tokyo Fund	178.6	190.2	+1.2	0.00
(Eq) Amer (2)	150.8	154.9		1.93
(Eq) Japan (3)	115.8	119.0		0.17
(Eq) Pacific (4)	334.6	343.9		0.27
(Fi) Smaller Jap (4)	196.3	201.7		0.10
Eurofund	27.9	29.7e	+0.6	3.36

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LO
0242 221311

UK Balanced Inc	81.1	86.0	-1.1	2.75
Do Accum	83.1	88.2	-1.1	2.66
UK Growth Accum	104.7	111.1	-0.9	2.15
UK High Inc Inc	78.4	83.2	-0.7	4.20
N American Accum	77.3	82.4	-1.6	0.65
Far Eastern Accum	114.9	122.6	-0.1	0.83
European Accum	94.9	99.6	+1.0	1.19
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	53.4	56.7	-0.4	8.64
Do Accum	56.8	60.3	-0.5	8.13

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-26995

Endurance	120.6	128.3		2.78

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5685

Equitable Pelican	88.7	92.3	-1.2	3.09
Extra Income	88.1	91.6	-1.1	4.91
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.8	54.1e	+0.3	8.47
Tst Of Inv Trusts	80.3	85.5e	-0.4	1.70
Special Sits Trust	87.7	93.3	-0.7	2.29
Nth Amer Trust	64.7	68.9	-1.0	1.54
Far Eastern Trust	103.4	110.0	-0.4	0.42
Intl Growth	57.6	61.3e	-1.2	1.05

EQUITY & LAW
St George Hse Corporation St Coventry CV1 1GD
0203 553231

UK Growth Accum	173.9	184.9		2.74
Do Income	149.0	158.5		2.74
Higher Inc Accum	295.5	314.3		3.86
Do Income	233.5	248.3		3.86
Gen/Fixed Accum	100.8	108.1		8.69
Do Income	83.5	87.8		8.69
Nth Amer Tst Accum	151.4	161.0		0.00
Far East Tst Accum	178.2	189.5		0.03
Euro Tst Accum	162.0	172.3		0.74
General Trust	276.5	294.1		2.87

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	76.7	81.6	-1.4	0.19
Capital Fund	123.2	130.0	-1.8	0.15
UK Income Fund	86.2	91.8	-0.7	4.91
Far Eastern Fund	77.4	81.3	-1.5	0.00
Overseas Income	76.9	80.8	-0.9	3.38
Fixed Interest	57.8	61.5	+0.1	9.46
Natural Res Fund	56.7	59.4	-0.5	2.56
European Income	55.4	59.0e	+0.6	2.79
Financials Fund	53.0	56.4	-0.3	2.66

FB INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Balanced Gth Inc	52.0	55.3	-0.1	1.49
Do Accum	55.1	58.5		
Income Gth Inc	46.2	49.2	-0.4	5.30
Do Accum	43.6	52.6	-0.4	
Service Co's Inc	58.4	62.1	-0.6	1.49
Do Accum	59.3	63.1	+0.1	
Higher Inc	95.4	101.5	+0.1	7.00
Do acc	95.4	97.0	-0.1	

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rose Wall, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

American	115.5	122.9	-1.9	0.56
Amer Equity Income	36.0	38.4e	-0.7	3.97
Amer Special Sits	87.2	92.9	-1.0	0.08
Australia	98.8	105.2	-0.4	3.00
European	46.9	52.8	+0.6	0.00
Far East Inc	38.5	40.8	+0.2	3.78
Gilt & Fixed Int	42.0	44.7	+0.2	10.51
Growth & Income	111.7	118.9	+1.3	4.00
Japan Special Sits	45.2	48.3e		
Japan	152.0	163.2	+1.0	
Managed Int	152.4	162.2	-0.6	0.20
Man Income Equity	95.5	101.7	+0.1	4.47
Professional Gth	38.2	40.9	+0.6	2.01
South East Asia	47.0	50.1	+0.4	0.61
Special Sits	198.5	211.3	+1.7	0.23

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8 Crosby Sq, London EC3A 5AN
01-638 5858

American Exempt	2359.1	405.0	+8.59	1.18
Japan Exempt	2470.1	482.4	-9.12	0.75
Am Property Tst	$100000.0			5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0			5.80

FRANLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	225.5	238.6	-5.4	
Do Accum	239.4	243.8	-5.5	
Amer Tercentnd Inc	222.2	235.7	-4.8	1.19
Do Accum	231.1	244.5	-4.8	1.19
Capital Tst Inc	240.3	254.2	-0.2	1.97
Do Accum	260.7	308.7	-0.3	1.97
Conv & Gen Inc	96.3	101.8	+0.6	4.94
Do Accum	130.9	138.3	+0.8	4.94
Extra Inc Tst Inc	190.7	201.7e	-1.3	4.00
Do Accum	209.4	221.3e	-1.5	4.00
Income Trust	140.8	148.8	+1.0	3.54
Do Accum	150.7	159.4	-1.1	3.54
Int Growth Fd Inc	177.3	187.5	-2.4	
Do Accum	196.5	208.3	-2.7	
Japan & Gen Inc	98.0	103.7e	-0.6	0.07
Do Accum	99.0	104.7c	-0.6	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	97.6	103.4e	-0.6	4.36
Recovery	171.2	181.2e	-2.7	1.30
Do Accum	186.8	197.7e	-2.9	1.30
European Inc	98.2	104.0	+0.9	0.80
Do Accum	98.2	72.1	+0.9	0.80
Personal Inc	50.1	53.1	-0.4	1.00
Do Accum	50.1	56.1	-0.4	1.00

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pitshanger, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

FP Equity Dist	227.8	241.8	-3.5	2.42
Do Accum	383.8	407.4	-5.9	2.42
FP Fixed Int Dist	111.2	118.0	-0.4	9.07
Do Accum	131.9	139.9	-0.5	9.07
Stewardship Dist	195.1	207.1	-3.3	1.51
Do Accum	203.1	215.6	-3.5	1.51
FP North American	137.0	138.9e	-2.5	1.18
FP Pacific Basin	177.3	188.0e	-1.3	0.38

GT UNIT MANAGERS
St Ann House, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Special Sits	71.3	75.9	-0.6	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	119.8	127.5e	+1.0	2.30
Do Accum	173.6	184.7e	+1.4	2.30
Income Fund	87.9	93.1	+0.6	4.40
Pension Exempt	206.6	219.3e	+0.6	1.50
International	185.9	197.8	+0.7	0.80
US & General	91.7	98.8	-0.6	0.00
Tech Growth	97.3	103.4	-0.8	0.50
Japan & General	250.3	266.1	-0.8	0.10
Far East & Gen	128.0	136.2	-0.8	0.10
European Fnd Inc	274.2	291.7	-0.8	0.10
Germany Fund	69.1	73.5	+4.0	0.90
Intl Inc Fund	52.8	56.2	-0.2	2.46

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8EP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806

American Trust	92.3	97.7	-1.2	0.70
Australian Trust	29.5	31.3		0.13
British Tst Accum	73.0	77.3	-0.7	1.24
Do Dist	65.2	69.0e	-0.6	1.24
Commodity Share	76.7	80.6	-0.8	1.60
European Trust	55.5	58.8c	+0.7	0.61
Extra Income Trust	56.8	60.2	-0.2	4.83
Far Eastern Trust	152.9	162.0	-1.9	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	26.2	27.8e		9.54
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.8	26.3	-0.1	9.30
Global Fund Accum	194.2	205.6	-0.3	0.30
Do Inc	174.5	184.9	-0.3	0.30
Gold Share Trust	17.7	18.8		1.15
Hedged American	35.8	37.9	-0.2	0.50
High Income Trust	159.0	168.3e	-0.9	5.30
Income Growth Tst	108.5	114.9	-0.6	4.17
Income Fund	89.2	94.4e	-0.7	3.12
Insurance Agencies	£56.21	57.38		1.81
Japan Trust	137.3	145.6		0.00
Managed Exempt	288.9	301.0	-3.0	1.98
Oil & Energy Trust	39.6	40.8e	-0.7	2.70
Special Sits Trust	115.5	122.3	-0.6	0.70
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	85.6	91.7	+0.2	1.20
Cheltenham UK	24.8	26.0	-0.2	2.00

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGERS
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1BN
01-588 5620

Intl Growth	94.1	100.1	+0.1	1.06
American Growth	76.2	74.6	-1.1	0.84
American Inc	73.3	80.1	-1.4	4.25
European Growth	241.5	256.7	+0.9	0.22
Gold & Minerals	52.1	55.4	-1.0	0.62
Japan Growth	153.6	164.2	-0.2	

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9903

Gilt & Fixed Int	118.0	122.7	-0.3	9.10
Growth Equity	228.3	241.6	-2.0	1.86
Guaranteed	218.1	229.6c	-1.3	3.50
N American	155.7	164.8	-1.8	1.28
Pacific	273.1	289.1	-1.0	0.06
Property Share	316.6	335.1e	+1.9	1.18
Smaller Companies	241.4	255.5	-0.3	1.52
European Trust	274.9	290.9	+3.1	0.97

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AS
01-623 9333

High Income	56.6	61.0e		5.88
N Amer Trust	121.3	129.1	-2.9	0.69
Recovery	254.8	271.1	-0.7	1.76
Gilt Trust	32.7	39.0e		9.28
St Vincent Inc	95.3	98.6e	+0.2	4.75
St Vincent US Gth	76.9	82.2c	-1.4	0.72
Temple Bar Sm Co's	208.5	221.0		3.08
Euro Gth Tst	48.0	52.0		0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916

Hambros Smlr Co's	154.4	163.6e	-0.8	1.53
Hambros N Amer	71.1	75.4	-1.2	0.86
Hambros Jap & F E	133.0	141.1	-0.8	0.43
Hambros Scandinv	73.2	84.0	+0.1	0.92
Hambros European	106.7	113.2	+1.7	1.81
Hambros Canadian	54.9	58.2	-0.4	1.12
Hambros Equity Inc	98.7	104.7	-0.7	4.49
Hambros High Inc	68.2	73.0	-0.4	4.79
Hambros Pac Assets	69.3	73.5e	-0.7	1.73
Hambros Intl Sec	59.3	63.0	-0.5	0.79

HENDERSON
Member UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 217238

Amer Recovery Tst	115.8	123.2	+1.1	0.16
Amer Smaller Co's	92.0	97.6	-0.4	0.00
Australasian	87.3	93.4	-0.3	1.82
Capital Growth Inc	98.8	70.9	-0.6	1.42
Do Accum	77.4	82.3	+1.1	1.42
European	270.4	288.2	+2.3	0.06
Euro Inc Tst	90.3	92.9	+0.6	4.31
Euro Smaller Co's	113.0	120.2	+1.9	0.55
Extra Income	195.0	207.4	-1.4	3.82
Financial Trust	175.0	186.2	-1.2	0.00
Fixed Interest Tst	53.5	56.7		9.81
Gilt Trust	41.3	43.8e	-0.2	9.83
Global Healthcare	76.2	83.3	-0.1	0.01
Global Resources	84.6	90.0	-1.0	0.00
Global Tech	122.0	129.9	-0.7	0.41
Gold	68.5	73.3e		2.11
High Income Tst	215.8	229.6e	-1.8	4.14
Hong Kong	72.7	77.5	-1.3	1.00
Managed Growth Inc	108.0	114.9	-1.7	3.57
Do Accum	334.9	356.3	-3.3	2.97
Income Assets	137.9	136.1	-1.2	3.86
International	183.5	200.0	+1.0	0.77
Japan Special Sits	195.2	155.3	+0.1	4.47
Japan Tst	174.5	186.7e	-0.3	0.01
North American	152.6	162.3e	-1.7	0.53
Pacific Smaller Co's	84.1	89.5	-1.0	1.12
Prof & Gen	49.3	51.2		1.15
Recovery Tst	121.0	128.7c	-1.2	2.42
Singapore & Malay	97.7	46.1e	+0.2	0.90
Smaller Co's Inc	136.0	145.8e	-0.2	4.08
Special Sits Inc	152.5	162.1	-1.1	0.47
Do Accum	222.9	237.1	-1.7	0.51
Worldwide	424.7	447.0		2.28
Euro Exempt	132.9	139.9	+1.8	2.15
Global Tech Exempt	95.6	101.7	-0.9	1.05
High Income Exempt	141.1	148.5	+1.1	4.41
Japan Exempt

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City's broom sweeps into Fleet Street

Fleet Street, the traditional home of Britain's national newspaper industry, is undergoing a dramatic transformation as the newspapers it houses at last move to new sites and into the electronics age.

"The Street of Shame" is fast becoming part of the City of London accommodating not the fourth estate but those engaged in the booming financial markets: lawyers, accountants and merchant bankers.

In most cases, national newspapers are moving printing operations to London's Docklands. The *Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Mail* and *Guardian* will shortly follow *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *Sun* and *News of the World* in this eastward trek. The *Financial Times* is also to be printed in Docklands and there is a possibility that the Mirror Group Newspapers and Express Newspapers will do the same.

Newspaper companies are capitalizing on the value of their Fleet Street sites as printing operations leave and journalists are moved to a variety of other locations.

The revolution in the newspaper industry, so long prevented by union obstruction to the use of modern technology, coincides with fundamental changes in the financial world. The deregulation of the City's financial markets — Big Bang — resulted in a spate of amalgamations in the Square Mile creating new financial conglomerates.

The office market in the City is booming as these companies search for larger offices to cope with 24-hour trading and the mass of electronics needed to sustain it. Prices and rents are soaring on the back of pent-up demand and a scarcity of supply. Developers are looking elsewhere for chances to build the kind of offices now in demand. Fleet Street is providing just that chance.

The first newspaper to capitalize on the property market was the *London Evening Standard* after its merger with the now defunct *Evening News*. Its former home in Shoe Lane was pulled down to make way for an office development, Plumtree Court, by the newspaper's then joint owner, Trafalgar House, the shipping, property and construction group. The building is occupied by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, which has since taken even more space nearby in a building developed by Norwich Union, the insurance company, which paid £45 million for Plumtree Court.



Out with the old: Fleet Street enters the technological age

CITY OF LONDON FLEET STREET E.C.4

News makes way for finance and commerce

In 1984, the *Daily Telegraph* decided to sell its printing works and 1.15-acre site in Fleet Street to a little-known private property company, Rothesay Developments, for an undisclosed sum. Rothesay planned a 285ft high tower block on the site behind the listed façade of the *Telegraph* building.

At the time the development was valued at £100 million. At the end of 1986, Rothesay was bought by Goldman Sachs, the American investment house. Goldman Sachs will redevelop the site with about 300,000 sq ft of offices as its London headquarters. It narrowly failed to buy a large site on the river near Fleet Street owned by the City of London Corporation. The City of London Boys School site went instead to another US bank, Morgan Guaranty, for £90 million. It, too, is to build its European headquarters there.

A stone's throw away, also on the riverfront, is the *Daily Mail* building. The *Mail*, owned by Associated Newspapers, will be printed in Surrey Docks and its journalists will move to Kensington, occupying part of the former Barkers department store, now an office and retail development carried out by House of Fraser. Plans for the Fleet Street building have yet to be revealed.

News International's titles are produced at Wapping, leaving the way clear for the company to cash in on the booming office market in Fleet Street by redeveloping the former home of the *Sun* and the *News of the World*. The company received planning permission for a 300,000 sq ft office development on its Bouverie Street site at the end of last year. It is to be sold by tender and is expected to fetch more than £60 million.

The Mirror Group's headquarters in Holborn was described as "London's Taj Mahal" on its opening in 1964. While hardly bearing such a comparison, it certainly would be worth a king's ransom in today's property market. The building occupies a large and prominent site at Holborn Circus much coveted by developers who would like to redevelop the site in a scheme worth more than £200 million.

Mr Robert Maxwell, the proprietor of the Mirror Group, has yet to reveal his intentions for the future of the building. Printing operations may move out of central London although journalists are set to remain.

Mr Maxwell has been buying property beside the Mirror building for some time. He is believed to have paid £17 million for Strand House, the former WH Smith building in New Fetter Lane. It is let to Goldman Sachs on a short lease. Approaches have also been made to Brixton Estates, which owns Thavies Inn House, next to Mr Maxwell, but so far have come to nothing.

Mr Maxwell is a 16 per cent shareholder in Arlington Securities, the property company, which plans a £60 million, 210,000 sq ft scheme at Barnards Inn across the street from the Mirror building, raising possibilities of a joint development in a scheme that could total 1 million sq ft of space.

The question for those Fleet Street proprietors who have yet to finalize their plans will be: can they cash in quickly enough on the property boom or will it have petered out by the time they move?

There will be rich pickings for those well advanced with their moves.

APPOINTMENTS

Director for Simon

Simon Engineering: **Mr Kenneth Worthing** becomes a director, corporate development.

United Provincial Newspapers: **Mr John Grieve** has joined the board.

Sherwood Computel: **Mr Brian Steward** has been appointed sales and marketing director, Personal Equity Plan.

Arthur Young: **Mr Don Hazel** has become director, Arthur Young Corporate Resourcing.

MCP Management Consultants: **Mr Derek Burn** joins the partnership.

Unisys Corporation: **Mr Richard Shinn** joins the board.

Gleeson Homes: **Mr Howard Fisher** has been appointed managing director.

FJC Lilley: **Mr Archie Gilchrist** becomes a non-executive director.

Inbucon Management Consultants: **Mr Christopher Iles** becomes associate director, financial services training.

Alexander Stenhouse Europe: **Mr Michael Barrett** has been made chief executive officer.

Marshall Cavendish: **Mr Ray Wearn** has joined as director, production.

Credit Suisse First Boston: **Mr Adam Lerrick** becomes director, Investment Banking from March 1.

Hatch, Mansfield & Co: **Mr James Whittaker** joins the board.

Air Call: **Mr Andy Powell** has been appointed marketing director, communications division.

Anderson Strathclyde: **Mr J N Clarke** will join the board as a non-executive director on May 1 and will be appointed chairman. Mr R K A Wakeling becomes finance director, charter. Mr J.W. Herbert joins the board as non-executive director from May 1.

McMaster Meighen: **Mr Alan Whiteley** becomes managing partner, London office.

Commercial Union Assurance: **Mr R C Hampel** becomes a non-executive director.

Law Report February 12 1987

Limit on judicial review of legal aid order

In re Sampson

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches February 11]

While holding that a defendant acquitted on trial on indictment could not seek judicial review of an order made at the trial, under section 32 of the Legal Aid Act 1974, that he should pay a contribution in respect of his own legal aid, the House of Lords expressed its views on the operation of the statutory limitation on judicial review, now embodied in section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981, in relation to legal aid contribution orders made pursuant to the Legal Aid Act 1982.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the appellant, Martin Thomas Sampson, from the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Ormrod and Mr Justice Woolf) on November 17, 1981, of his application for judicial review of an order made by Croydon Crown Court on March 22, 1980, requiring the appellant, following his acquittal on a charge of attempted arson, to contribute £250 to the cost of his legal aid defence pursuant to section 32 of the Legal Aid Act 1974.

Mr Nigel J. Ley and Miss Renee Calder for the appellant; Mr John Laws as *amicus curiae*.

LORD BRIDGE said that the Divisional Court had dismissed the appellant's application for judicial review of the contribution order on the ground that the order had been made by the crown court in the exercise of "its jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment" and was not, therefore, subject to review by the High Court under section 10 of the Courts Act 1971.

That decision accorded with *R v Cardiff Crown Court, Ex parte Jones* ([1974] QB 113). Recently, however, in *In re Smalley* (*The Times* March 5, 1985; [1985] AC 622) the House of Lords voiced a doubt as to whether the *Cardiff* case had been rightly decided, and the present appellant was granted belated leave to appeal.

With the benefit of full argument, however, his Lordship was satisfied that a legal aid contribution order, like any other order with regard to costs which the crown court might make at the conclusion of a trial on indictment, was an integral part of the trial process, and thus belonged to the court's "jurisdiction relating to trial on indictment" and was not subject to judicial review.

That conclusion was, save from the appellant's point of view, now academic, since the relevant provisions of the Legal Aid Act 1974 had been superseded by new provisions in the Legal Aid Act 1982.

In the course of argument their Lordships had given close consideration to the latter, and it might be appropriate to express a view thereon, even if *obiter*.

The radical change effected by the 1982 Act was to require, subject to certain exceptions, that the court which made a legal aid order giving legal aid to a person whose disposable income and capital exceeded the prescribed limits should also make a legal aid contribution order: section 7(1).

But the court by which the legally aided defendant was tried retained its discretionary control over costs by virtue of section 8(5).

As at present advised, his Lordship saw no reason why a legal aid contribution order under section 7(1) should not be subject to review on an appropriate ground, for example, that the order was made in the face of unchallenged evidence that the defendant's disposable income and capital did not exceed the prescribed limits.

Such an order could not affect the conduct of the trial and certainly could not be regarded as an integral part of the trial process.

On the other hand, a decision of the crown court at the conclusion of a trial whether or not to exercise its discretion under section 8(5) to remit or order repayment of any sums due from or paid by a defendant under a legal aid contribution order was an integral part of the trial process and on that ground excluded from judicial review.

Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Goff agreed.

Solicitors: T.W. Mullaney, Watford; Treasury Solicitor.

Matrimonial rules mandatory for granting of decree absolute

Dackham v Dackham

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment February 11]

A decree absolute granted informally by the registrar without observing the provisions of rule 65(2) of the Matrimonial Causes Rules (SI 1977 No 344) could not validly dissolve a marriage. That rule required the registrar to search the court minutes and satisfy himself of the matters listed therein before making a decree absolute, and were mandatory.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by Ernest Dackham, as executor of the estate of Norman Dackham, deceased, from a decision of Judge Lermon, QC, at Guildford County Court.

Miss Gayle Hallon for the executor; Mr Witold Pawlak for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that the judge had before him an appeal from an order of Mr Registrar Enzer dated March 7, 1986, relating to applications for financial provision by both the husband and the wife following the pronouncement of decree nisi terminating their marriage.

The matter which the judge had to consider was whether the decree had been made absolute. On April 4, 1986 the husband had died and it became material whether the property adjustment order made by the registrar on March 7, 1986 had taken effect. Decree nisi had been pronounced on September 11, 1985.

The registrar was under the impression that he could not hear the parties' application until the decree had been made absolute. He inquired at the commencement of the hearing with an air of informality: "Is anyone asking me for a decree absolute?"

Counsel for the husband assented at once and counsel for the wife did not dissent. The registrar then granted the decree absolute and proceeded to hear the application for ancillary relief.

He ordered that the wife should transfer her interest in the matrimonial home to the husband upon payment of a certain sum by him. On April 4, 1986 the husband died and his executor became concerned on behalf of his estate.

Meanwhile the wife had already entered her appeal against the registrar's order. That came before the judge on September 26, 1986.

It was agreed that the judge should decide as a preliminary issue whether the decree had been made absolute as a result of what had happened before the registrar. In fact no administrative step had been taken to apply for a decree absolute before the registrar made his order of March 7 and no search had been carried out by the registrar or his staff in pursuance of the requirements of rule 65(2). No endorsement was put on the decree nisi indicating that the decree absolute had been made in accordance with rule 67(1).

The judge concluded that neither the registrar nor the court officials had carried out the mandatory duty to search set out in rule 65(2) and that the marriage had been dissolved by death and not the order of the court.

In his Lordship's judgment the requirements of rule 65(2) were mandatory and were of fundamental importance because a decree absolute was good against the whole world and could only be set aside in exceptional circumstances. The appeal was dismissed.

Lord Justice Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Helman Graham-Smith & Co (inc Gilbert H. White & Co), Godalming; Wheltons, Guildford.

Contractual liability for negligence

Thompson v T. Lohan (Plant Hire) Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment February 3]

Section 2(1) of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 did not prevent the making of an agreement between the owner and hirer of industrial plant for regulating their liability for negligence arising from use of the plant.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by J. W. Hurdiss Ltd, the third party, from a decision of Mr Justice Hodgson requiring them to indemnify T. Lohan (Plant Hire) Ltd, the first defendants, in respect of damages and costs payable to the plaintiff, Mrs Christine Thompson, of Fourth Avenue, Goole, North Humberside.

Mr John Samuels, QC and Mr Robert Percival for the third party; Mr Igor Judge, QC and Mr Simeon Maskrey for the first defendants.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiff's husband was killed in 1982 as a result of the negligence of a Mr Hill, who was driving an excavator. Both men were employed by the first defendants, for whom they were then working at a quarry.

The plaintiff, as the personal representative of her husband, sued the first defendants and after they issued a third-party notice, she joined Hurdiss as second defendants. The plaintiff obtained judgment and costs against the first defendants.

In the third-party proceedings, the first defendants claimed to be indemnified against liability found against them by the judge. That indemnity was based on a contract between Lohan and Hurdiss.

Lohan had hired an excavator from Hurdiss with Mr Hill as the driver. The contract of hire was made on the terms of the Construction Plant-Hire Association (CPA) model form of contract.

Clause 8 of the CPA form provided: "... drivers or operators shall for all purposes in connection with their employment in the working of the plant be regarded as the servants or agents of the hirer ... who alone shall be responsible for all claims arising in connection with the operation of the plant by the said drivers or operators".

The purpose of clause 8, as between Lohan and Hurdiss, was that Mr Hill was to be regarded as the servant of Hurdiss, who was to be responsible for his negligence.

But Hurdiss contended that the clause operated to exclude or restrict liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence and was therefore struck down by section 2(1) of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977. Hurdiss relied on *Phillips Products Ltd v Hyland and Another* (*The Times* December 23, 1984).

Section 2(1) of the 1977 Act provided: "A person cannot by reference to any contract term or to a notice given to persons generally or to particular persons exclude or restrict his liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence".

The comparison with the *Phillips* case was not justified. There the tortfeasor was seeking to exclude his liability by reliance on the section. If he had been successful, the victim of his negligence would have been left without a remedy.

The sharp distinction with the present case was that in the present case there was no exclusion or restriction of liability for negligence by reliance on clause 8. The plaintiff had got a judgment which she could enforce and she was not prejudiced in any way by the operation of the clause.

All that had happened was that Lohan and Hurdiss had agreed between them as to who was to bear responsibility. There was nothing in section 2(1) to prevent that.

Section 2(1) was concerned with protecting the victim of negligence. It was not concerned with arrangements between the wrongdoer and others as to sharing or bearing the burden of compensating the victim. In such a case, there was no exclusion or restriction of the liability. Accordingly, the clause did not fall within the prohibition of the section.

Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Hewitt Woollacott & Chown for Morton Slack & Co, Sheffield; Burton & Co, Lincoln.

Limitation in arbitrations

Kenya Railways v Antares Pte Ltd

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Glidewell

[Judgment January 29]

The provisions of section 35 of the Limitation Act 1980 relating to the substitution of a party to proceedings were inherently inapplicable to arbitration proceedings and accordingly a claimant who named the wrong party in seeking to commence arbitration proceedings was not entitled to rely on that section in order to substitute the correct party.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing appeals by the plaintiffs, Kenya Railways, from decisions given in favour of the defendants, Antares Pte Ltd by Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Steyn on November 4, 1985 ([1986] 2 Lloyd's Rep 626) and Mr Justice Steyn on April 25, 1986 ([1986] 2 Lloyd's Rep 633).

The plaintiffs were the owners of a bill of lading for the carriage of a cargo of machinery from Antwerp to Mombasa. When the cargo was discharged in February 1984 it was discovered that it had been carried on deck and was seriously damaged.

The bill of lading was on the form of Mediterranean Shipping Co SA (MSC). The plaintiffs assumed that MSC were the owners of the vessel.

In January 1985 the plaintiffs gave notice of arbitration naming MSC in their claim for damages. In February 1985 when the one-year time bar under article III, rule 6 of the Hague-Visby Rules had expired, MSC informed the plaintiffs that they were not in fact the owners of the vessel.

The plaintiffs sought, *inter alia*, to substitute the defendants, the correct owners, as defendants to the proceedings.

Mr Clive Nicholls, QC and Mr Julian Hooper for the plaintiffs; Mr M. J. Moore-Bick, QC and Mr J. N. C. Gaisman for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the Hague-Visby Rules which had force of law applied to the arbitration so that an arbitration had to be brought within one year.

MSC were not acting as agents of the defendants in respect of the claim and therefore no question of estoppel arose to prevent the defendants from relying on the time bar.

The plaintiffs sought to rely on section 35 of the 1980 Act and submitted that there was no reasonable doubt as to the party intended to be pursued in the claim.

However, that section applied only when there was a validly commenced claim already in existence and therefore it did not apply to the present case in any event.

Moreover, arbitration was a consensual matter and the arbitrator had no jurisdiction except what was given by the parties. So it would be contrary to that consensual basis if a court had the power to order the substitution of parties.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, concurring in the result, said that section 35 was unlikely to apply to arbitrations and in any event did not apply to the arbitration in the present case.

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed with Lord Justice Lloyd.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson; Richards Butler.

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Strong growth continues

■ Revenue up 43% ■ Pre-tax profit up 39% ■ Earnings per share up 47%

Reuters unaudited pre-tax profit rose by 39% to £130.1 million (US$192.5 million) in the year ended 31 December 1986 from £93.6 million (US$138.6 million) in 1985. Profit after tax rose faster, by 47% to £80.7 million (US$119.4 million) from £54.9 million (US$81.3 million), reflecting a reduction in the Company's average tax rate from 41.3% to 38%.

Revenue rose 43% to £620.9 million (US$918.9 million) against £434.1 million (US$642.5 million).

The Board has recommended a final dividend of 3.75 pence per share (33.3 cents per ADS), making a total for the full year of 5.5 pence (48.9 cents per ADS) compared with 3.25 pence (28.9 cents per ADS) in 1985, an increase of 69.2%. The final dividend will be paid on 1 May 1987 to shareholders on the register at 3 April 1987.

Glen Renfrew, Managing Director and Chief Executive, said the Company's growth was spurred by sharply higher new orders and was helped in the second half of the year by exchange rate movements.

Preliminary results to 31 December 1986 (Unaudited)

	Year to 31 December 1986 £m	US$	Year to 31 December 1985 £m	US$	Difference %
Revenue	620.9	918.9	434.1	642.5	+43
Pre-Tax Profit	130.1	192.5	93.6	138.6	+39
Taxation	49.4	73.1	38.7	57.3	+28
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	80.3	118.8	54.3	80.4	+48
Dividend	22.8	33.7	13.4	19.9	+70
Earnings per Share (ADS)	19.4p ($1.72)		13.2p	($1.17)	+47

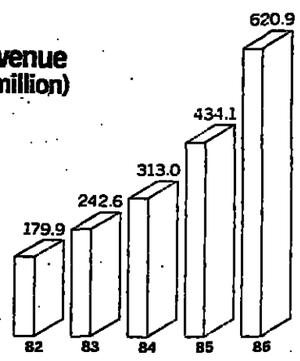
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"Cash flow from operations remained strong. The cash position at the end of the year, after tax and dividend payments and £66.2 million (US$98.0 million) spent on acquisitions, was £93.4 million (US$138.2 million), compared with £111.3 million (US$164.7 million) a year earlier.

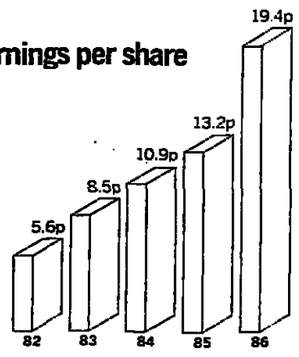
"Services providing information and dealing facilities to the money and foreign exchange markets in the main European, Asian and North American financial centres continued to generate most of Reuters growth.

"Revenue from equities services grew sharply as liberalisation encouraged market activity.

Revenue (£ million)



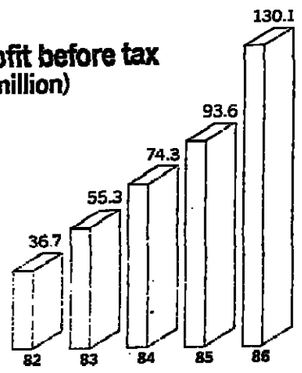
Earnings per share



He said: "Profit would have risen even more sharply but for a programme of accelerated investment spending undertaken in mid-year to take advantage of the buoyant conditions and favourable exchange rates.

"Expenditure on fixed assets rose by 35% to £96.0 million (US$142.1 million). We expanded computer systems supporting existing networks and at the same time installed the hardware for our new Integrated Data Network (IDN) in our major European and North American data centres.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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Industry is the noble activity of service, not boardroom politics, says Alistair Graham

The most galling moment so far this year came when the topless model Fiona Wright was asked what had attracted her to Sir Ralph Halpern. "When I saw him sitting behind his desk in his opulent office," she is quoted as saying, "he looked just like Blake Carrington."

It was indeed galling for the thousands of us who had devoted so much time and effort during Industry Year 1986 to dispel the belief of many young people that industry and commerce really are like the worlds of *Dynasty* or *Dallas*.

Industry Matters, the campaign that succeeded Industry Year 1986, has not been helped by some of the events that have taken place in its first few weeks.

The Guinness scandal has rocked the City and destroyed much public confidence in the Square Mile. A recent survey showed that 68 per cent of about 300 senior executives and company chairmen believe the Geoffrey Collier affair and the Guinness scandal "have damaged the image of the City a lot".

If this is the belief among two-thirds of business leaders, how many more people in both education and the community must share their view? And these last named groups will be much more reluctant to view the Guinness affair as a one-off.

There have been other stories as well that have damaged the image of industry and trade unions. There is the dispute at British Telecom, until recently held up as the flagship of the newly privatized industries. There was the attempted take-over of Pilkington by BTR. A senior and much respected regional union official, has been accused of misappropriating large amounts of money from a business venture that was designed to create jobs in a depressed area in the South-West.

In the light of all this, it is clear that the most urgent requirement of the Industry Matters campaign is that all senior figures in the world of industry and commerce must remind themselves urgently of the morality and indeed the idealism of what they do – and of their duty to put this over to others.

Leading businessmen and trade unionists cannot and should not expect that the community is prepared to accept immoral or, at best, amoral activities. The creation of wealth, the provider of jobs, the producer of goods and services – industry is at best not just an essential, but in some ways also a noble activity.

But this message will be understood only if we never cease in our efforts to put it across. The message must go to our own employees, as well as the outside world.

In this respect I wonder if it really is helpful to devise systems that enable senior executives to be paid millions of pounds through share schemes. Of course, entrepreneurs who take high-risk enterprises that prove successful should be highly rewarded. But surely there is a point where the high rewards given to a few undermine and undervalue the contribution that all employees make to a successful enterprise.

The other consequence of the events of the past few weeks is that we all need to redouble our efforts to explain to the community as a whole, but particularly the world of education, why industry does



matter so much and what it is really like.

The Industrial Society is urging schools throughout the country to mark the Industry Matters campaign by setting up their own school industrial societies run by young people for young people, to enable them to find out what industry is all about. Every one of the new societies will require an industrial company sponsor.

Several pilot school societies were set up during 1986, and the results were most promising. The society at Porth County Comprehensive in South Wales, for example, not only visited local companies and had speakers from industry and commerce, but also set up a company within the school, making and selling mirrors to parents.

The new Education Act gives increased powers to school governors, and we need to ensure during this year not only that a good number of our people are in fact school governors, but also that we offer a proper back-up service to people within our own organization who already are governors. Governors can play a quite crucial role both in telling us what is going on in the ever-changing world of education, and in relaying to education the ever-changing needs of industry.

There may also be a vital job for industrial school governors to do in helping with the effective management of schools and colleges. There is much good practice in industry and commerce that could be usefully translated into our schools.

There are other areas for action as well. They include the secondment of people to schools and colleges as "industrial fellows", doing what we can to help with the shortage of maths and physics teachers, perhaps by arranging short-term secondments to schools by those of our employees who are looking for part-time jobs such as those on maternity and paternity leave, and continuing to play a full and constructive part in the Youth Training Scheme.

In short, we need to become wholeheartedly and fully involved in any scheme or project that will bring young people and their teachers closer to an appreciation of the reality of industry and commerce.

All the evidence is that when presented with the challenges, on schools-industry conferences and the like, the problem is not generating enthusiasm among young people, but actually trying to contain it.

An example of this comes from a recent schools-industry conference for sixth-form girls at an independent girls' school in London, when the chairman berated his audience for not knowing enough about the role of trade unions in general, and not listening to the trade union viewpoint in disputes. As a result, the afternoon session of the conference was addressed by a National Communications Union picket – invited in by the students themselves.

I should add that it is standard Industrial Society policy to have both a manager and a union representative speaking to students alongside each other. The remarkable point for the young people is the extent of common ground and agreement. But on this occasion the enthusiasm of the young people far outran the conference organizers' ability.

Channel Four is marking the Industry Matters campaign by re-showing the 1960s series on business, *The Power Game*. But what we need to do throughout this year is to show that industry is not a game about power, but a game about service. Service to customers, service to shareholders, service to employees and service to society.

That is why industry matters, not because, as Fiona Wright was led to believe, it is a *Dallas*-style free-for-all, but because it is an area of crucial importance and real worth to the whole community.

Alistair Graham is the director of The Industrial Society

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The Qualifications Division of The Institution is expanding its activities in Professional Affairs and Membership Development and wishes to make two appointments which may be based at either the Headquarters in Rugby or the Westminster office in London.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Membership Development Officer will be expected to support the Director of Membership Services in expanding The Institution's membership base. This will require liaison with The Institution's Branches, Universities and Polytechnics and also with companies throughout the process sector.

This work will involve some travel within the U.K. and periods of time away from home. The successful candidate is likely to be a Chartered Engineer with recent experience in industry. Good communication skills are essential as is the ability to work to a strategic plan.

It is expected that the post will be full time tenured and preferably based at the Rugby Headquarters.

INDUSTRY LIAISON MANAGER

The Industry Liaison Manager will be required to consult with senior level management in the process industries about their needs in professional development and training. The position might also involve the development of in-company courses in the U.K. and overseas. The successful candidate will be expected to market the profession of chemical engineering and also the services to members and industry provided by The Institution.

The successful candidate is likely to have had extensive experience in the process industries at management level, ideally with experience of training and professional development of technical personnel. As the appointment will initially be limited in tenure, it may well appeal to persons who are seeking or entering into early retirement. This appointment will involve regular travel in the U.K. and periods of time away from home. Good communication skills are essential.

This appointment could be based in London or Rugby.

Applications with full CV, including current salary level or expected salary level, should be sent to:

Mr D B Firth
Deputy Secretary
The Institution of Chemical Engineers
12 Gayfere Street
London SW1P 3HP.

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of the British Museum (Natural History)

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The Director,
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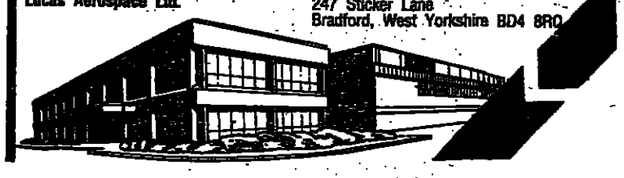
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Starting on a high note

Dan Sullivan set up his own business in order to do something he really enjoyed. But he made sure he was on a sound economic footing first, says Roger Jones

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Avoiding the pitfalls: Dan and Jane Sullivan at their Cheltenham studio

"What gave you the idea to start an unusual business like this?"

"I decided to do something I really enjoyed."

Setting up in business is a challenging task which demands that you keep your wits about you. Enjoyment is surely a secondary consideration, and I was frankly worried by the answer I received from the young entrepreneur who was showing me his new purpose-built recording studio.

I should, perhaps, assure everyone that the idea of cutting a disc or taking the pop world by storm was far from my mind. I was in these unfamiliar surroundings simply because the project intrigued me, even though I suspected it owed more to muddle-headed idealism than sound commercial logic.

Yet Dan Sullivan seemed not to be the *flamboyant, irresponsible showbiz type*, and as we talked it became clear that he had given the matter careful consideration. Indeed, after hearing about the two years' progress of the scheme – from the design stage to realization – I couldn't help feeling that anyone proposing to set up on their own would do well to take a leaf out of Dan's book.

For one thing he had identified a gap in the market. The Cotswolds are not exactly awash with recording studios and *rehearsal rooms, and the purpose-built* variety are comparatively rare. Letting portable studio equipment for hire had brought him into contact with all kinds of musicians interested in making demonstration tapes, for which they needed good quality recording facilities at moderate cost.

The premises are, indeed, excellent. I was intrigued to learn that both the studio and the practice area in which we were standing were like boxes resting on rubber mountings and making no contact at all with the walls of the building. This was, I was told, the ultimate in sound-proofing. Not a peep could penetrate to the exterior, or vice versa.

The second thing that impressed me was that the business was starting off on a sound financial basis. Alas, many small firms tend to be grossly under-capitalized, and Dan was quick to recognize the dangers of this.

"If you start off with a big overdraft or loan," he explained, "you may be forced into massive price-cutting, simply in order to generate cash flow to meet the payments." That is the beginning of the end in this business. As you start to lower your sights, the prospects of ever making a profit quietly recede, and you find yourself on a downward spiral.

He is fortunate in having a close relation who has financed the construction of the building with the help of a small mortgage, and actually owns it. Dan is responsible for the 24-track recording equipment and furnishings – already paid for out of his savings – as well as the running costs. Letting part of the building to an interior designer will help to offset these.

Another pitfall he is avoiding is that of putting all his eggs in one basket. An electronics boffin by trade, he plans to continue with his work with transistors and micro-chips for the time being so that he is not entirely dependent on his studio for a living. The first year of operation of any business is unlikely to yield much profit (usually it is the reverse), so his prudence is to be applauded.

First-hand knowledge of musicians' needs

Moreover, if the whole enterprise turns out to be a disaster, he will not be lumbered with a white elephant. The premises have been designed in such a way that they can easily be converted into offices or workshops . . . though Dan is confident that he will not need to resort to such expedients.

Was he aware of all the ins and outs of the business, I wondered? Certainly his experience in electronics should stand him in good stead. He is used to handling and repairing sensitive equipment and he has spent a good deal of time familiarizing himself with the new recording equipment. This means that he is quite self-sufficient, with no need to employ any technical staff.

Apart from his useful technical expertise, Dan has been a performer as well – albeit in an amateur capacity. He therefore has first-hand knowledge of musicians' needs and has been able to bear these in mind during the design stages of his recording complex. These include a comfortable lounge where musicians can relax between takes, and a powerful air-conditioning/extractor system. Musicians, it seems, generate prodigious quantities of cigarette smoke.

Finally, it is no secret that running an enterprise involves more than just knowing which button to press and keeping the customers happy. There is the actual business side: monitoring the cash flow, sending out invoices and payment reminders, marketing, accounts, and so on. Dan is the first to admit his short-comings in this area.

However, this wily businessman-in-embryo has already appointed a business manager – his wife.

An even shrewder move was to send her off for training. Jane has recently completed an MSC-sponsored business course for would-be entrepreneurs at the local tech. She believes the insights she has gained into commerce will prove invaluable once they get going.

Enthusiasm is an admirable quality, but it can blind the uninitiated to the harsh realities of business life. Yet I left the In Voice studio in a much more composed mood, knowing that the Sullivans were embarking on their new responsibilities in a commendably level-headed manner.

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Gloucester's den holds no fears for the Surrey lion-tamers

Old Boys set for a mudlark

Old Reigatians are hoping that they fare better than Dr Foster did when they visit Gloucester on Saturday. "Stepping into a puddle", as the nursery rhyme would have it, is the least of their worries. The Kingsholm mud is manageable; the redoubtable Gloucester pack may not be.

Mind you, the Surrey Old Boys have already cocked a snook at the form book, as their flanker Thorfinn MacIver, aged 28, will wryly tell you: "I came down here from Gala hoping to see out my playing days in a rather more leisurely style. Since then it's been London Irish in last year's (Surrey Cup) final, followed by Exeter, Saracens and now Gloucester in this year's John Player competition."

Reigatians were the toast of the third round of the John Player Special Cup for their marvellous 12-10 victory over Saracens. The draw for the fourth round was not to be kind though, for it pitched them into the lion's den of Kingsholm, home of the three times Cup winners and present John Smith's merit table A champions.

Apart from the playing disparity, there's also a huge gulf in resources. Match days in Gloucester see more than 40 staff employed, with five bars in operation to cater for the 2,000 plus membership. Meanwhile, at Park Lane, Reigate (an ironically swish address for such simple, yet charming facilities) the players cough up their £3.50 match fee for a game, a jug of beer and the hope of pie and beans if someone's managed to organize a duty tea roster.

Old Reigatians rise to fame is all the more remarkable in that they are one of the few remaining genuine Old Boys clubs. About 75 per cent of their six sides are products of Reigate Grammar School, including 11 of the First XV. Any outsiders are carefully vetted by committee. The link down the generation gives the club a feel of a close-knit community and a sense of camaraderie which will sustain them long after their eventual exit from the Cup. Such qualities have also been put to good use on the field.

"The commitment and enthusiasm of the players have been tremendous," said Lyn Flye, aged 41, the club's Welsh coach. "We've been at it three times a week for two months. That includes every Sunday morning, as well as travelling to London Scottish for scrummaging sessions. We've also had the benefit of the school's new Powerhouse scrummage machine. I think we might take that with us to Kingsholm, put the brakes on and then see how good they are."

Such humour and self-mockery are what rugby clubs are supposed to be made of and, nowadays at least, so rarely are. Old Reigatians would seem to be an exception. They even took their disastrous run-up to the Saracens match in their stride. Firstly two captains, Gordon Sproul and his successor Graham Read, were injured. Shortly after the snows came and wreaked havoc with training programmes, and then a video of Saracens in action was wiped off by a player's wife for an episode of East-Enders. The stuff of soap operas indeed.

The media attention hasn't gone to their heads either, although Flye chuckled as he recalled the arrival of the Rugby Special cameras two weeks ago. "I'd never seen half of those that turned up training that night. You could tell the fly-boys – all clean shirts and creases in their shorts."

Since the injuries, the burden of captaincy has fallen on the shoulders of David Payton, the hooker. His high pressure life as a Lloyds insurance broker in the City is but nothing compared to the damands made on a junior club skipper who does more than toss up and decide which end to take. Last weekend the affable Payton, aged 27, coped with a flu epidemic which decimated his side, popped into his sister's wedding, led his team to a 15-6 victory over Guildford and Godalming and then oversaw Sunday's workout in dank and dismal conditions. The session was a blend of pleasure and pain for the 30 players, schoolboy-like excitement at the thought of the big day ahead; agony at the physical demands being made yet again upon them. "Round those trees there," barked the coach. "Trees? That's a bloody forest!" And off they went.

One hopes that the repartée at least is still intact on Saturday evening and that this particular St Valentine's Day won't be producing any massacres.

Mick Cleary



The Old Boys' captain David Payton, a City insurance broker, with his colleagues (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Teague's ban is criticized

A 45-day ban on the former England back row forward Mike Teague for punching a Bridgend forward was condemned by his club, Gloucester, yesterday. "It was a harsh decision considering the kind of game involved," the Gloucester secretary, Terry Tandy, said.

Teague's ban, imposed by the Gloucestershire RFU disciplinary committee on tuesday night, will keep him out of action until March 17. He will therefore miss not only Gloucester's John Player Cup fourth round tie with Old Reigatians this weekend, but also the quarter-final stage of the competition on February 28.

Should Gloucester progress to the semi-final, on March 28th, Teague will be available, his ban having ended 11 days earlier.

His suspension follows an incident near the end of Gloucester's stormy game with Bridgend at Kingsholm on January 31. Gloucester won 20-17 with a last-minute penalty.

There was trouble between Teague and the Bridgend lock Jeff Jenkins in a maul following a lineout. Teague twice lashing out at Jenkins, and the referee, Peter Fitzgibbon, who had already cautioned the two captains earlier in the match, sent Teague off.

Disciplinary committee chairman Barry jones said yesterday: "In deciding on 45 days rather than the minimum 30, we took into account Teague's previous sending off against Bath in January, 1983. He had been sent off on two earlier occasions, but we regarded these as 'spent' convictions."

Tandy said: "We all thought he should get away with only four weeks considering the context of the game concerned. People who saw the whole match will think Mike was most unfortunate. But sadly the disciplinary committee is not allowed to take the game into account and can only consider the referee's report."

Teague has been the outstanding player in Gloucester's side this season. Playing at No. 8 he has made his mark in most of the club's fixtures and his absence was keenly felt when gloucester were beaten to bristol last Friday.

"He is a hard man to replace and he really has been in superb form this season," Tandy said. "It is a great shame that he will be kept out for so long because of this."

Rare visit

Newport, who were due to play at Leicester on Saturday, have plugged their fixture gap with a match against Northampton. Leicester will meet Rosslyn Park in the John Player Cup. Northampton, who have never won in eight trips to Rodney Parade, will be making their first visitto the Welsh club for 20 years.

England need every inch of their second-row giants

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England have made four changes, one of them positional, in the team to play France at Twickenham on February 21. From those who failed to distinguish themselves in Dublin last weekend against Ireland they have dropped both locks. Nigel Redman and David Cusani, and Paul Simpson, the No. 8. Their places go to the Fylde pair, Steve Bainbridge and Wade Dooley, and the Nottingham flanker, Gary Rees, joins the back row where, John Hall is moved to No. 8.

The amendments to the pack come as no surprise. Had they been fit, Bainbridge and Dooley would have made a strong case for selection in the side originally picked in January for the postponed Calcutta Cup match. They form probably the tallest second-row pairing England have fielded and, looking ahead to the World Cup, where Australia have two lampposts of their own – Steve Cutler and Bill Campbell – England will need every inch of them.

The Fylde pair also bring much-needed experience to the team. Bainbridge would have won more than his 13 caps but for his absence from international rugby over the last two seasons because of his being sent off in club matches. Now 30, he is an older and a wiser man, with a British Lions tour in New Zealand in 1983 to his credit and an ability to run and handle which will suit Australian conditions in May.

The bar to his recall was the possibility that he had not regained full match fitness after a 10-week absence because of a hamstring injury. The selectors evidently believe he has recovered, as has Dooley, whose season has had more continuity, but who has found his best form elusive after receiving a bad knee ligament injury last April.

Dooley has 10 caps and two full international seasons behind him during which one of his most endearing characteristics was the ability to learn quickly. He and Bainbridge have played together only once in an international, when Dooley came on in the second half of the second match against New Zealand in 1985. But they have derived an understanding from playing in the same club, where Bainbridge jumps at the front and Dooley the middle, though both have played in internationals as the middle lineout jumper.

Of the two, Dooley is the bigger, at 6ft 8in and 17st 10lb, whereas Bainbridge is 6ft 7in and 16st 7lb. Their size enables the selectors to move Hall from blindside flanker to No. 8 and bring in Rees, the smaller man, to join Winterbottom on the flanks, where they played together in the last two internationals of last season.

It must be presumed that Hall's move is temporary, dependent upon the recovery of Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8. Hall played in the middle of the back row in his younger days and has done so recently for Bath, where Simpson and David Egerton have tended to occupy the positions over the last two years. Egerton, incidentally, takes up residence on the England replacement bench for the first time while Simpson cannot even find a place in the B side who play France at Bath on February 20.

Simpson pays the penalty for his inability to control the ball at the back of the scrum against Ireland. Hall is not outstanding in this respect but the selectors will have been loath to dispense with his experience; he was the best of England's pack at Lansdowne Road and, when Richards returns to fitness, they will have an awkward conundrum as to which two of Winterbottom, Rees and Hall will play.

The rest of the senior squad receives the benefit of the doubt but it is instructive to note the inclusion of Steve Brain in the B team. He has not had a head-to-head with Graham Dawe in trials this season but he has not yet given up hope of a place in the World Cup squad. He is the most experienced of the five full internationals picked in the B team, the others being Mark Bailey and Fran Clough, both of whom had two caps, and Redman and Cusani, three and one respectively.

There will be much pleasure in Sheffield at the elevation to this level of David Holmes, their scrum half, and some surprise that Peter Williams, of Orrell, is his partner. Williams began this season as an England squad full back but he has spent most of his time at stand-off half and now appears to have superseded Simon Smith (Richmond).

ENGLAND TEAMS

England v France
(at Twickenham, February 21)

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England B v France B
(at Bath, February 20)

J Webb (Bristol); M D Bailey (Wasps, capt), F J Clough (Orrell), W Carling (Durham University and Harlequins), C Oti (Nottingham); P Williams (Orrell), D Holmes (Sheffield); L Johnson (Coventry), S E Brain (Rugby), J Probyn (Wasps), M Skinner (Harlequins), N C Redman (Bath), D A Cusani (Orrell), A Robinson (Bath), S Hughes (Nottingham). Replacements: R Knibbs (Bristol), S Hodgkinson (Nottingham), R Moon (Nottingham), R Lee (Bath), A Simmons (Wasps), M Rose (Wasps).

Carling picked by country but not by club

Will Carling, who was selected for the England B squad yesterday, cannot find his way into the Harlequins side for their John Player Cup fourth round tie at Orrell on Saturday. The former England under-23 international centre, Charles Smith, is preferred by Harlequins to partner Jamie Salmon in midfield.

Smith joined Harlequins from Moseley this season and a club spokesman, Ken Pragnell, said: "Charles has played so well in recent games that we could not drop him."

London Welsh bring in the centre, Nick Jenkins, for his first senior game of the season when they visit Bath in the fourth round. Jenkins, who last appeared on the Easter tour of last year and has been out with a series of injuries, replaces Greg Thomas.

The Welsh international scrum half, Mark Douglas, is still troubled by a shoulder injury. Rhodri Morgan takes over.

Tomes back to equal record

By Ian McLauchlan

A serious facial injury sustained by Alistair Campbell in a club game last weekend opens the door for his Hawick partner, Alan Tomes, to make his fifth comeback to the Scotland team for the game against Ireland on Saturday week.

In so doing, Tomes gains his 42nd cap and equals Alistair McHarg's Scottish record of international appearances at lock.

Though he is now 35 years old, Tomes has this season been much fitter than of late. He has also recaptured his appetite and enthusiasm for the game and has been a stalwart for both his club and the South of Scotland. His inclusion will considerably strengthen Scotland's weakest area, in the middle of the lineout, where his height and vast experience should prove invaluable.

Campbell, who made 12 consecutive appearances for his country after first being capped alongside Tomes in the 1984 Triple Crown game against Ireland, has fractured a cheekbone.

The rest of the team remains the same as that selected for the postponed Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham. Both Duncan, who scored two tries for West of Scotland last Saturday, and Finlay Calder have now fully recovered from their hamstring and ankle injuries respectively.

Scotland v Ireland
(at Murrayfield, February 21)

G Hastings (Watsonians); M Duncan (West of Scotland), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), S Hastings (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk), J Rutherford (Selkirk), R Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); D Sole (Bath), C Deans (Hawick, capt), I Milne (Heriot's FP), A Tomes (Hawick), I Paxton (Selkirk), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP), J Beattie (Glasgow Academicals), J Jeffrey (Kelso). Replacements: A Brewster (Stewart's-Melville FP), G Callander (Kelso), D White (Gala), G Oliver (Hawick), K Robertson (Melrose), P Dods (Gala).

Scotland have struck to the replacements chosen for Twickenham, but there is a slight doubt about Alex Brewster, who strained a calf muscle two weeks ago and did not play last weekend.

The delayed entry into the international championship has helped Scotland in that it has given key players, such as Jeffrey on the flank and the half backs Laidlaw and Rutherford, time to reach their best form. The entire side has also benefited from playing in a full-scale practice match against the B XV at Murrayfield at the end of January.

Although the forward play was slack, there was enough evidence on show that day to prove the speed and athleticism of the pack. Also the backs, in making their moves work under match conditions, demonstrated their confidence and skill, all of which must have made the national selectors' task that much easier.

The Scotland squad trained at Murrayfield last night and will assemble there again on Sunday to continue their preparations for the game.

The international will be refereed by England's Roger Quittenton, who went to Romania with Scotland last year.

SQUASH RACKETS

Davenport boosts Leicester

By Colin McQuillan

With 10 leading American Express Premier League players away in Finland for the opening rounds of the IVO international championship, Stuart Davenport's decision to return this week to lead **Skol Leicester** to a 4-1 victory over **Halls West Country** brings new menace to the top of the league table.

Davenport, a 6ft 5in New Zealander ranked third in the world and on his day one of the most exciting exponents of the modern game, allowed Cerryg Jones of West Country only two points from their first string encounter, strengthening the Oadby-based Leicester side to such an extent at the top that his colleagues, Martin Bodimeade, Paul Millington and Simon Taylor, were granted similarly simple victories

The win brought Skol Leicester into second place on 72 points, with a rescheduled match in hand against **Chapel Allerton** next Monday, promising the chance of sufficient points to overtake the **Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill** squad, who lead on 77 points after narrowly defeating **InterCity Cannons.**

The InterCity team were missing Ross Norman, the world champion, from their line-up just as Halls were without Rodney Martin, the young Australian who holds the British Under-23 Open title.

Manchester Northern were at full strength, with both Geoff Williams and Ricki Hill playing, against a **Visco Monroe** side who lost Chris Dittmar, Mark Maclean, and Zain Saleh to Finland. The predictable 5-0 result plunged the Wakefield club deep into the relegation zone but brought Manchester, the 1985 league champions, into fourth place on the same total, 71 points, as InterCity Cannons. Dunnings Mill won this week without their vital middle-order strength of Philip Whitlock and Danny Meddings. Next week against Halls West Country they expect to field a full squad behind Philip Kenyon, the British No. 1.

Everything is building towards Febraury 24 as a day to equal last year's final league fixture when Cannons won the title on a games countback from **Ardleigh Hall.** This year the destination of the Amex Trophy will almost certainly be decided on that day when the penultimate fixture between Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill and Skol Leicester at East Grinstead.

RESULTS: Ardleigh Hall 5, Arrow Village 0. Home Ales Nottingham 4, Chapel Allerton 1, Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 3, Intercity Cannons (London) 2; Manchester Northern 5, Visco Monroe 0; Halls West Country 1, Skol Leicester 4.

	P	W	L	Pts
Dunnings Mill	15	13	2	77
Leicester	14	11	3	72
Cannons	15	11	4	71
Manchester N	15	11	4	71
Chapel All	14	9	5	57
West Country	14	5	9	41
Ardleigh Hall	15	5	10	40
Nottingham	14	4	10	38
Visco Monroe	14	3	11	30
Arrow Village	14	0	14	9

GOLF

Skinner earns the respect of rivals

By Patricia Davies

An American newspaper has recently conducted a poll of 100 LPGA professionals and Val Skinner, who missed the cut for only the first time in 37 starts last week when she was the defending champion in the Mazda Classic, was their tip for the top. What is more, Pat Bradley, currently the most successful player on the tour, dismisses that hiccup and makes no secret of her admiration for Miss Skinner.

"Val's 26 and plays like she's 36," is Miss Bradley's verdict. "She's very strong and very mature. She knows what she wants and where she's going. Val is not just here for the fun and games, she's here to reach the top."

Miss Skinner, now in her fifth year as a professional, has been hovering just outside the top ten for the past two seasons: eleventh on the money list with $165,243 (about £105,000) last year, fourteenth in 1985, while her run of beating the cut stands only behind Nancy Lopez and Judy Dickinson. She admits: "I'd like to be the LPGA tour player of the year, which, the chances are, makes you the the best player in the world that year.

"But I don't set my goals that way. I set my goals very immediate – okay, we have this shot, the one that's in front of me, let's concentrate on that. And I think if I keep doing that, I'll attain the other things, the long-range things, the things that put players in the Hall of Fame."

Miss Skinner has two tournament victories to her credit and needs at least another 28 to make the Hall of Fame. The Nebraska State Legislature's standards are not so stringent. In the autumn of 1985, when Miss Skinner registered her first victory on the tour, the Legislature, recognized her "for her victories and defeats, for her persistence and intensity."

Miss Skinner was born in Montana and now lives in California. She also spent six years in Utah, three in Idaho and went to college in Oklahoma. "But I grew up in Nebraska. My father was a golf pro there and it's my native stomping ground, so I pretty much call that home." It was in Utah that she first started golf at the age of four. "I used to go in the back yard in my snow suit – it would be freezing – and my Dad would tell me to copy and I'd just stand there and copy," she remembers. "I had a crush on my father. Whatever he did I wanted to do. I was about seven when I decided I wanted to be a golf pro. I was the only girl in our Peewee division and I beat all the boys and said: 'This is for me.' I developed a career out of it and love it."

It was not success all the way, though, when she turned professional in 1983. Golf was as natural as breathing to her, but the LPGA tour was not. "I came from North Platte, Nebraska, and even though I went to Oklahoma State University – which has a great golf school – I didn't have exposure to the LPGA. I didn't know what it was like at all. All I knew was you went out and played golf and made money and that was what I was going to do."

The reality overwhelmed her. "I don't know why but I just didn't put it all together," she says. "That you travelled 32 weeks of the year alone and you had to find a cleaners and some where to eat and rental cars are expensive and airlines are expensive and hotels are absurd."

Miss Skinner is amazed at her unrealistic picture of life on the tour. "I never thought of how hard it would be," she smiles. "I only thought how great it would be. And then when it wasn't great, all I could think was 'well, it's not supposed to be like this'."

Adjusting to the tour was further hampered by a series of injuries, notably a bad eye problem that required two months of therapy in 1984. She also suffered from neck trouble, headaches and pains down her back – all stemming from the eye trouble. Trouble with her left wrist: "Just tendinitis," she dismisses, was thrown in for good measure. She earned $29,485 (57th) in her first year and in her second year, 1984, slipped to $23,021 (79th).

Physically and mentally Miss Skinner was in a bad way and even when she recovered her fitness, she found her confidence took longer to recover from the hammering. She sought the help of Bob Rotella, the sports



Skinner: peers' tip for top

psychologist, who has advised top players, including Bradley and Tom Kite. He persuaded Miss Skinner not to be so hard on herself. "Would you call your best friend a jerk?" he asked. "No? Then don't do that to yourself just because you hit a bad golf shot."

"It's very simplistic," explains Miss Skinner, "but you tend to forget the simplest things in life and Bob helped me put things in perspective. I've learned to be myself. Sure, who else are you going to be? But it's amazing who you might try to be at first. If Bradley does this, I gotta do this, you think and it's just not true."

There is a touch of the Lee Trevino about Miss Skinner – she has her intense side – but is basically talkative and outgoing and appreciates that her job includes an element of showbiz. "I concentrate better when I'm yacking to the crowd than when I'm real quiet," she says. "But you have that mental line between performing too much and being so much into yourself that you're not really enjoying what you're doing.

"Before I go to the first tee I really work on laughing, on being patient, on having a good time. Out on the course I just try and keep a good perspective. Golfers are very fortunate people and if you miss a putt for ten grand, nobody's going to cut your legs off. It's not like you weren't trying."

No wonder Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, California, Utah and Oklahoma all want to claim the bubbly Miss Skinner for their own.

SKIING

On the slippery slope to success

By Michael Coleman

After the high drama of Crans-Montana, the entire British Alpine team, together with those aiming to get on it, have moved on to Courmayeur, in Italy, where the national championships are being contested until the weekend. Lesley Beck, the mini-heroine of Crans-Montana, and Martin Bell are among those with reputations to preserve.

Performances in this event now carry FIS ratings, which reflects the enormous lift in its status. This has come about largely through the unstinted and virtually unheralded support given by over the past nine years by the British Land Company.

Before leaving for Courmayeur, Mr John Ritblat, chairman of British Land, said: "When we first came into this after the previous sponsor pulled out we found that it was over a deficit of £4,000-£5,000. I said to my colleagues, most of whom were skiers or interested in other sport: 'Look, this is quite ludicrous for a sport which is so up-front in European and the States. Surely we can do something about this!'".

At that time the championships were held in some "tucked-away place" but now they were staged at a major resort, he said. "We get a tremendous amount of goodwill coming to us, from the *pisteurs*, through the provision of courses and in off-piste sponsorship. The event has been transformed," said Ritblat.

Pressed to estimate how much this support had cost his company and for what return, Ritblat rounded the figure at £250,000 over the nine years "both corporate and personal" but said the question of any 'return' did not come into the reckoning.

"We think that all companies ought to spend some time and set aside if only a modest budget *pro bono publico*. Sport is the ideal medium because to get to the top it requires grit, determination and intelligence," he said. "People who have made it, like Lesley Beck, for instance, are a tremendous inspiration to youngsters. Give sport the backing it deserves and before long you've got the whole nation involved."

Skiing had been transformed from being a recreation solely for the better-off into a sport where your family background was of no importance.

● First surprise in the championships came on Tuesday when Kirstin Cairns, from Stirling, who has not raced for four years, was third in the womens' slalom, edging out Clare Booth, a regular member of the Alpine ski team, though a downhill specialist. Miss Cairns works in Austria for a ski tour company and has apparently been keeping in shape. The winner, Miss Beck, won both runs in 45.95sec and 47.36sec for a total time of 1min 33.31sec, more than a second in front of Wendy Lumby.

The Alpine ski team taking part consists of Martin and Graham Bell, Ronald Duncan, Lesley Beck, Clare Booth, Ingrid Grant, Wendy Lumby and Sarah Lewis. Also in attendance are the Alpine development squad: Kevin Aitken, Nick Fellows, Graeme Gunn, Robbie Hourmont, Morgan Jones, David Mansfield, Sean Langmuir, Tim Lloyd, Vanessa Harrison, Debbie Pratt and Valerie Scott.

NORDIC SKIING

Sentiment, not form, picks the favourites

Oberstdorf, West Germany (Reuter) – Gunde Svan, the Swede, and Finland's wayward ski-jumper, Matti Nykanen, are favourites on sentiment, but not form, in the world championships, which start today.

London bookmakers have favoured the two Olympic and world champions apparently on their past records. Svan has won almost every title in cross-country skiing, but it would take a spectacular reversal to come back after his recent displays.

He lost the 50 kilometers freestyle event in the Swedish national championships last month and looked out of condition in a 15km test run on Sunday in Davos, Switzerland.

Nykanen's record is equally impressive, but his recent form, after upsetting with the authorities, has fallen. He was at first dropped from the Finnish team, but later reinstated.

Norway, are the favourites on form in the women's events, where Anette Boe, the winner of two world titles, faces a tough challenge from her compatriot, the World Cup leader, Marianne Dahlmo.

FISHING

Americans catch the French bug at last

By Conrad Voss Bark

The English and the Americans share a common heritage with the design of dry flies for trout. They are imitationists. They match the hatch. Indeed the Americans go even further, copying the natural insect down to the very last whisker. Moreover, and this is to their advantage, if they are copying a trico or a sulphur they call the artificial by the name of the natural insect so everyone is clear what they are talking about.

But the French, a dedicated fishing nation, have gone their own mysterious ways in dry fly design. With the honourable exceptions of the old-time professional fly fishmen, no longer with us, a French dry fly looks like a small tropical flower. An hibiscus bud. Why the French tie these things and even more mysteriously why French trout actually take them is one of the curious anomalies of nature. The English who have a long acquaintance with French natures wisely ignore it.

But not the Americans who are the first English-speaking people to bring out a book on the subject. Called *French Fishing Flies*, it is written by a French fly dresser Dr Jean-Paul Pequegnot, translated by Robert Chino and with an introduction by Datus Proper it is published by Nick Lyons Books of New York.

Mr Proper does his best to introduce the French but even though he knows Europe well you can feel a slight unease in what he writes. He openly admits that French dry flies are likely to produce what he calls a culture shock among the Anglo-Saxons. Yes, indeed. The English have been used to culture shocks from the French ever since the Norman Conquest so we are well prepared for them by now, but what the innocent Americans (who have only known them since Lafayette) will think of a nation which calls its dry flies names like Ugly, Potato, Cuckoo Cage, Buxom Girl and Lout of the Road, will be a matter of more than passing interest.

Langer the dangerman

Melbourne (AFP) – Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, appears to be the biggest threat to the favourite, Greg Norman, in the Australian Masters tournament which begins here today. Both have been winners on the demanding Huntingdale course – Langer once and Norman three times in the eight-year history of the event.

Langer, aged 29, who has had high finishes in the first three events of the 1987 United States tour, shot a three-under par 70 on Tuesday to share second spot in the traditional pre-Masters pro-am. Norman had a 72 after putting poorly but said he was hopeful of winning his fourth title on the 6,360-metre course.

"It suits me because it's long and demanding off the tee," said Norman, keen to recapture the form which made him the world's top golfer in 1986 and give him his first major title, the British Open.

Norman was an early casualty in last week's Australian matchplay event, won by his fellow Queenslander Ian Baker-Finch, to end an 18-month sequence without a victory. In the final, Baker-Finch beat another Queenslander, Ossie Moore, who on Tuesday won the pro-am with a 67.

Fourteen nations are represented in the field though none of the top-ranking Americans is here. Last year's winner, Mark O'Meara, pulled out over an appearance money dispute but the runner-up, David Graham, the Texas-based Australian, is back again. Britain is represented by Nick Faldo, the three times British PGA champion, and Sam Torrance.

Special security will be in force after anti-apartheid protesters said they would demonstrate against both Norman and Graham for competing in South Africa.

RACING: HUNTINGDON TEST CAN DETERMINE SIX-YEAR-OLD'S PRIME OBJECTIVE

City Entertainer to pass audition

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Visitors to Huntingdon today will be looking to the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices' Hurdle to provide pointers to the outcome of key events in the coming weeks, notably the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival.

Today's race, which is run over 2½ miles, will determine whether the Yorkshire trainer Charlotte Postlethwaite takes her immensely promising six-year-old City Entertainer to Cheltenham for the Sun Alliance Hurdle, which is over today's distance, or run him instead five days earlier at Newbury in the three-mile Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold final.

He qualified for the final by winning his latest race in grand style on the same Berkshire course at the beginning of this year.

That race was over an extended three miles. Earlier, though, City Entertainer had won over today's distance at Haydock which makes me believe that he can extend his winning sequence. But today's contest is anything but a foregone conclusion.

With only 10st 5lb to carry, Agathist will be meeting City Entertainer on 8lb better terms than he would if this were a weight-for-age event.

That represents a considerable task because when Agathist won his last race at Kempton by 15 lengths he beat Framlington Court who won next time at Warwick, only two days ago.

Then there are Robin Goodfellow, Hassle Money and Sip Of Orange to consider and all of them receive weight from City Entertainer.

Robin Goodfellow was only marginally less impressive when he gave Richard Linley that exhilarating comeback success at Kempton last month while Hassle Money and Sip of Orange are not forlorn hopes as their respective records suggest.

However, I remain adamant that CITY ENTERTAINER is well above average and capable of giving weight and a beating all round, with Agathist his main danger.

No matter how he gets on aboard Sip of Orange, Mark Dwyer can still get among the prizes by landing a double on CLAUDE MONET (2.00) and JESTO (4.00).

Claude Monet, my selection for the Whittlesey Handicap Chase, was a most emphatic winner of his last race at Hereford where he beat North Lane who had won his two previous starts, and what is more has won again since.

At Wincanton, SUMMONS can justify his trainer Josh Gifford's decision to back down from that clash with Cavvies Clown, Tawridge, Against The Grain, Crammer and Kildimo at Ascot yesterday by winning the Challenge Cup Novices Chase which looks altogether a much softer touch.

Finally, I GOT STUNG, who was a good friend of this column last Spring, is napped to make another successful start by winning the Dick Woodhouse Hunter Chase, in the safe hands of Alan Hill. The winner of four similar races last season, I Got Stung appears to have a very rosy future and he should have the measure of Tawny Myth.

Chance for Shrewd Operator

Drumlargan, third to Burrough Hill Lad in the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup, makes his hunter chase debut today in the 2½-mile Major Charles Townsend Memorial at Huntingdon but the 13-year-old may find this distance a bit too short (Brian Beel writes).

Shrewd Operator, a top-class hunter in Ireland, proved disappointing for Stan Mellor, but a season's hunting may have sweetened him up and he is favoured by the weights.

At Wincanton, in the Dick Woodhouse Hunter Chase, the potentially brilliant I Got Stung makes his seasonal reappearance and should have little difficulty in beating his 19 rivals.



Castle Warden and his amateur rider, Mark Richards, clear the last on their way to a convincing victory in Ascot's Charterhouse Chase (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

HUNTINGDON

Selections
By Mandarin

1.30 Crimson Sol.
2.00 Claude Monet.
2.30 City Entertainer.
3.00 Rambling Song.
3.30 Shrewd Operator.
4.00 Jesto.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Agathist.

Going: good to soft

1.30 GLATTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,226: 2m 4f) (23 runners)

1	1600-40	IRISH HARVEST (A Walton) R Hoad 6-12-2	M Hoad (7)	95	12-1
2	213004	FLAMING PEARL (R Goodman) B Stevens 6-11-11	Penny Pitch-Hayes (7)	93	8-1
3	010-022	FILS-DE-ROI (B Benton) R Juckes 6-11-6	T Pinfield (7)	93	F9-2
5	223004	ROUNDGREY (J Upson) T Casey 6-11-0	E Buckley (4)	96	6-1
6	PP0-01	THERESA (G Blum) G Blum 5-10-12	D Hood (7)	95	8-1
7	2/003-P0	S J MOON (V) (Mrs M McCusker) R Blakeney 6-10-12	Judy Blakeney (7)	95	16-1
8	000-10	COLONEL POPSKI (C Kerchin) J Mackie 5-10-12	M Bosley (4)	97	14-1
10	00-0032	CRIMSON SOL (B) (P Kelly) G Thorner 6-10-10	C Evans (4)	97	8-1
11	000P-P0	LETCHWORTH (C Driscoll) H O'Neill 6-10-10	R Chapman (4)	96	20-1
12	200PP3	VIRGINIA PAGEANT (Miss L Gray) F Gray 5-10-9	P Cooney (7)	● 99	5-1
13	F100	TYRANNISE (D) (D Ball) B McMahon 4-10-8	T Wall	86	16-1
14	F-0040P	PLATINUM BLOND (T W Suter & Son Ltd) R Carter 6-10-8	S Woods (7)	94	20-1
15	0400-00	BALLI SPRINGS (B) (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 5-10-7	—	97	14-1
16	031UF0	FRIENDLY BEE (C Hague) B Richmond 5-10-6	C Warren (7)	94	16-1
17	PPP-PPP	QUALITAIR PRINCESS (B) (Qualitair Ltd) K Stone 6-10-4	D Dutton	—	33-1
19	040/000-	BURGUNDY STAR (Mrs J Leighton) A Leighton 6-10-2	C Smith	—	25-1
20	00200	RELUCTANT GIFT (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 5-10-2	T Woolley (7)	96	16-1
21	03F000	TIBER GATE (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 4-10-1	P Dever	88	14-1
22	P03P00	RUDOLPH MOLE (Mrs S Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-0	P Corrigan	—	25-1
23	0F/P0P0	SHARED JOKE (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 6-10-0	Dale McKeown (4)	90	33-1
27	0400	THE MOON AND BACK (R Lawrence) J Davies 4-10-0	G Heaver (7)	—	20-1
28	00P00P	PELEGRIN (B) (N Jones) S Dow 5-10-0	M Perrett	93	25-1
29	0BF000	FIRE LORD (B) (T Crowson) M Hinchliffe 4-10-0	—	—	33-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – SNOW AND FROST

FORM FILS-DE-ROI (10-1) had little chance with the winner when 20l 2nd to Kuwait Leel (10-9), with PELEGRIN (10-5) pulled up at Stratford (2m, £863, good to soft, Dec 29, 11 ran). THERESA (10-8) lost her maiden tag when beating Debbes Prince (11-5) 12l at Windsor (2m, £1063, good to soft, Jan 1, 7 ran). VIRGINIA PAGEANT (10-0) stayed on one pace to be 7l 3rd to Bandalent (11-0), with FLAMING PEARL (11-1) another 3l back in 4th. IRISH HARVEST (11-6) out of the first 8 and PELEGRIN (10-5) pulled up at Lingfield (2m, £1058, good to soft, Feb 5, 23 ran). IRISH HARVEST (11-10) better judged on previous outing when 18l 4th to Rufcha (10-0) at Plumpton (2m 4f, £1967, firm, Aug 25, 7 ran). FRIENDLY BEE (10-9) successful earlier in the season when beating Vulgans (10-9), with THERESA (10-9) a well beaten 8th at Leicester (2m, £826, soft, Dec 15, 11 ran). RELUCTANT GIFT (10-5) best judged on a 2½l 2nd to Track Marshall (10-10) at Hereford (2m, £515, good to soft, Dec 2, 10 ran).
Selection: IRISH HARVEST

2.00 WHITTLESEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,278: 3m) (14 runners)

1	P04000	BRIGHT DREAM (D) (J Holmes) J Gifford 11-11-13	Peter Hobbs	90	14-1
5	033-114	CARE (CD) (S Sansbury) T Forster 11-11-7	H Davies	93	4-1
6	FF2-221	GOLD BEARER (Lady Joseph) F Winter 7-11-5 (5ex)	P Scudamore	92	F3-1
8	04-32F1	CLAUDE MONET (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 9-10-13 (5ex)	M Dwyer	97	7-2
9	12/F20-0	TURN BLUE (D) (Mrs E Wilson) R Champion 8-10-8	L Wyer	● 99	8-1
12	24P00-4	GALA PRINCE (D) (Mrs M Aston) A Jarvis 10-10-3	T Jarvis	90	16-1
13	24U11F	RHYMER'S TOWER (CD) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 8-10-0	Miss G Armytage (4)	92	8-1
14	1P-000P	SPRINGWOOD (B) (A Oldrey) G Hartigan 10-10-0	S McNeill	—	25-1
15	F11-P04	SOUTHERN PRINCE (H Hodge) H Hodge 8-10-0	Miss J Hodge	91	20-1
16	204141-	HUMYAK HOUSE (I Matthews) I Matthews 7-10-0	M Perrett	98	12-1
17	40PP00-	PATCHING (S Eisenberg) J Spearing 9-10-0	P Warner	—	25-1
19	30/0FPP-	MEDWAY GAUNTLET (Air Comdr J Stevenson) J Blundell 12-10-0	—	—	33-1
20	20/1333-	MASTER BEAU (D Bell) D J Bell 12-10-0	Miss S Lawrence (7)	81	20-1
21	P/130-PP	BARNABY SAM (C) (J Hobson) R Hollinshead 8-10-0	P Dever	78	25-1

FORM BRIGHT DREAM (12-0) weakened inside final ½ mile when 34l 5th to Gainsay (11-7) at Newbury (3m, £2983, soft, Jan 2, 6 ran). CARE (11-6) best judged on penultimate start when beating Flemington (10-3) 12l over this course and distance (£1984, good to soft, Nov 25, 4 ran). GOLD BEARER (10-12) stayed on from the 3rd last to beat Lanacre Bridge (10-3) 2½l at Chepstow (2m 4f, £2423, Jan 27, 7 ran). CLAUDE MONET (10-5) made most to beat North Lane (10-11) 6l at Hereford (3m 1f, £2763, heavy, Feb 4, 15 ran). RHYMER'S TOWER (10-0) best effort when beating Debt Follower (10-10) 2½l here (3m, £2331, soft, Dec 29, 13 ran), a race in which SOUTHERN PRINCE (10-13) was out of the first 3. On final start of last season MASTER BEAU (11-7) was 14l 3rd to African Star (11-0) at Leicester (3m, £1385, firm, Nov '85, 6 ran).
Selection: RHYMER'S TOWER

2.30 SIDNEY BANKS MEMORIAL NOVICE HURDLE (£5,566: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1	00-11	CITY ENTERTAINER (D) (A Haddock) Mrs C Postlethwaite 6-11-8	J J Quinn	98	F2-1
3	2/000-24	CONE ALONE (BF) (G Phillips) A J Wilson 5-11-4	H Davies	83	16-1
5	0-40	KYLEMAKILL (J Heaton) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-4	J Duggan	72	20-1
6	32/110	POWERLESS (BF) (T Waterman) F Winter 6-11-4	P Scudamore	76	12-1
7	121031	ROBIN GOODFELLOW (D) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-11-4	G Bradley	● 99	11-2
10	202111	HASSLE MONEY (D) (Mrs B McKinney) R Fisher 5-11-2	M Meagher	90	5-1
11	130S1	LODDON LAD (D) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-2	D Browne	85	8-1
12	111	SIP OF ORANGE (C,D) (Mrs R Hagge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-11	M Dwyer	88	6-1
13	41	AGATHIST (D) (W Du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-10-5	S Sherwood	90	9-2

FORM CITY ENTERTAINER was very impressive when (11-8) beating Yeoman Broker (11-8) a very easy 12l at Newbury, the 2nd has run well in handicap company since, KYLEMAKILL (11-0) a poor 7th (3m, £4002, good to soft, Jan 3, 20 ran). CONE ALONE disappointed last time, previously (11-0) ¾l 2nd to Cindie Girl (11-3) at Chepstow. POWERLESS (11-8) a strong favourite jumped badly and finished 9th (2m 4f, £3700, soft, Dec 20, 18 ran). ROBIN GOODFELLOW has ran well in many of the best novice races this season and looked ideally suited by this trip last time when (11-8) beating Natyspour (11-0) 2½l at Kempton (2m 4f, £2457, soft, Jan 24, 14 ran). HASSLE MONEY is improving with every race and could be good value here judging on (11-8) a 9l defeat of Wild Flyer (11-2) at Wolverhampton (2m 6f, £1038, good, Jan 28, 17 ran). LODDON LAD also showed massive improvement on latest outing when (11-8) beating Bronze Effigy (11-8) 8l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £2597, Jan 1, 17 ran). SIP OF ORANGE steps up considerably in class today but looks very useful and (11-5) had no difficulty accounting for Master Christian (11-0) by 7l here (2m, £1636, good to soft, Dec 10, 21 ran). AGATHIST meets his elders for the first time (10-9) looked top class when beating subsequent winner Framlington Court (11-0) 15l at Kempton on Boxing Day (2m 4f, £2759, soft, Dec 26, 12 ran).
Selection: CITY ENTERTAINER

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

3.0 CROXTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,620: 2m 200yd) (16 runners)

1	0/P12UF	AIRWAIR (Mrs M Langley-Pope) R Hodges 8-11-9	—	92	7-1
2	60-UF12	KOUROS (F Starr) C Brennan 8-11-9	M Brennan	88	F7-4
3	4-4001F	MISTER FEATHERS (BJH) (Mrs M Forde) J King 6-11-9	S McNeill	88	8-1
5	000	BARDAN (I Campbell) I Campbell 7-11-2	R Campbell	—	20-1
6	30-43F0	BATU (B) (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 6-11-2	R Goldstein	83	16-1
7	3003F3	BOREHAM DOWN (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 8-11-2	P Niven	90	12-1
8	00P-0PP	COWAL SHORE (C Parker) S Mellor 6-11-2	M Harrington	—	16-1
12	02P/340-	MOSOF (J Bacon) D Oughton 6-11-2	H Davies	—	12-1
15	022	RAMBLING SONG (C Saunders) C Saunders 7-11-2	Mr J Wrathall	● 99	7-2
17	2022-04	SNOWY BONDLAIR (Mrs J Marshall) R Blakeney 8-11-2	Judy Blakeney (7)	89	6-1
19	0	TIMOLIVER (R Armytage) R Armytage 6-11-2	Mr M Armytage (4)	—	14-1
22	0-00PP0	MISS FELHAM (F Lipscomb) T Casey 6-10-11	E Buckley (4)	—	20-1
24	04F-00F	PENNY FALLS (G Dook) Mrs C Dook 8-10-11	Mr R Morris	81	25-1
27	00-00	OKAADH (S Squires) M Tompkins 5-10-7	—	—	20-1
28	0-4P34F	SILVER CANNON (G Harper) R Woodhouse 5-10-7	S Woods (7)	—	25-1
29	P003-0	VAGUELY ARTISTIC (Mrs J Gilam) R Hoad 5-10-7	M Hoad (7)	—	20-1

FORM KOUROS (11-8) not disgraced when 15l 2nd to J-J-Henry (11-8), with PENNY FALLS (10-9) brought down at the 14th only to be remounted and fall at the next, at Nottingham (2m 6f, £2692, good, Jan 5, 8 ran). MISTER FEATHERS (10-6) successful on penultimate outing when beating Geramsi (10-2) 10l at Wolverhampton (2m, £1415, good, Dec 26, 14 ran). BATU (11-2) could never get in a blow when 7th to Cradle Of Jazz (11-2) at Windsor (2m, £1920, good to soft, Feb14, 16 ran), an event in which AIRWAIR (11-9) was in 3rd when a last fence casualty. AIRWAIR (11-7) best judged on a 2l beating of Lucky Gold (11-2) at Taunton (2m 1f, £1772, good, Dec 4, 13 ran). RAMBLING SONG (11-4) 2½l 2nd to Paul Pry (11-4) with COWEL SHORE (11-4) pulled up at Nottingham (2m, £2253, good, 27 Jan, 18 ran). SNOWY BONDLAIR (11-3) just over 5½l 4th to Sugarline (11-4) at Warwick (2m, £2044, good to soft, Dec 27, 16 ran) with AIRWAIR (11-8) an 8th fence casualty.
Selection: RAMBLING SONG

3.30 MAJOR CHARLES TOWNSEND MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £639: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1	10PP3P-	CITY BOY (CD) (Mrs J Mann) Mrs J Mann 12-12-8	T Thomson Jones	83	6-1
3	1/4UF03-	PEACE CLASH (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 10-12-9	J Greenall (7)	71	7-1
5	3310/13-	CERTAIN LIGHT (D) (Mrs A Campbell) Mrs A Campbell 9-12-5	P Hacking (7)	71	5-1
7	P/0020F-	DRUMLARGAN (G Wragg) D Gissell 13-12-5	G Wragg (7)	● 99	F3-1
8	0P2/F01-	SHACKIN BRIG (B) (Mrs C Gisborne) Mrs C Gisborne 10-12-5	B Crawford (7)	50	20-1
9	02UF33/	BREWSTER II (D) (M Jarram) M Jarram 15-12-0	T Moore (7)	—	16-1
10	U31F43-	CAUCHEMAR (J Simmons) J Simmons 8-12-0	J Simmons (7)	54	14-1
12	P0/442F-	PRINCE ROWAN (D) (B Munro-Wilson) B Munro-Wilson 11-12-0	B Munro-Wilson	77	7-1
14	D2400P-	SHREWD OPERATOR (J Upson) T Casey 10-12-0	J Wrathall (4)	97	4-1
15	P23P30-	SONNY MAY (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 11-12-0	Miss G Armytage (4)	72	16-1
16	00/P0P0-	THE CLIFTONIAN (Miss T Aucott) Miss T Aucott 9-12-0	Miss T Aucott (7)	—	33-1
17	004P0P-	THE COBALT UNIT (J Turner) J M Turner 8-12-0	P Talano (7)	—	25-1
19		WINTER PALACE (Mrs A Villar) Mrs A Villar 5-11-7	S Cowell (7)	—	20-1

FORM CITY BOY (12-3) went off the boil last season after beating Mister Bosun (12-3) 1¼l at Ludlow (3m, £680, soft, Feb '86, 15 ran), a race in which PRINCE ROWAN (12-5) was just over 7l further away in 4th. PEACE CLASH (12-7) ended last season with an 18l 3rd to Flying Ace (12-7) at Ayr (3m, £805, soft, May 14, 8 ran). Former high-class chaser DRUMLARGAN (11-6) was last seen out when a 15th fence faller in The Grand National (4m 4f, £57255, good to soft, Apr 5, 40 ran). SHACKIN BRIG (12-0) pulled up last season with a length beating of Easy Fella (12-8), with THE CLIFTONIAN (12-0) pulled up at Warwick (3m, £1448, good to soft, May 17, 14 ran). Amongst SHREWD OPERATOR'S efforts last year (11-4) was a creditable 10l 2nd to Pearlyman (11-5) at Cheltenham (2m, £11899, good to soft, Mar 11, 19 ran).
Selection: SHREWD OPERATOR

4.0 LONG STANTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,492: 2m 100yd) (22 runners)

2	231010	STRAY SHOT (D,BF) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-11-12 (5ex)	Miss G Armytage (4)	90	6-1
3	41-P060	CASSIO LIL (Mrs E Carberry) T Casey 8-11-7	E Buckley (4)	91	12-1
4	12-0112	WHITHER GOEST THOU (Mrs E English) D Ringer 5-11-1	D Murphy	93	F4-1
5	234034	SAND CASTLE (B) (B Archer) S Mellor 8-11-0	M Herrington	97	8-1
6	110-000	PARIS TRADER (B) (N Yiasoumi) J Payne 5-10-11	D Hood (7)	88	10-1
7	133-000	JESTO (R Mason) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-10	M Dwyer	94	7-1
8	0010-00	ALLADO (C) (A Neaves) A Neaves 11-10-9	C Warren (7)	92	16-1
9	24302F	DREAM MERCHANT (A Caton) R O'Sullivan 5-10-8	M Kinane	88	20-1
11	00-2100	CRUDEN BAY (P Bradley) P Felgate 7-10-6	S Johnson	94	12-1
12	131000	MR CARACTACUS (J Mandeville) G Gracey 6-10-5	Dale McKeown (4)	91	20-1
14	100000	AMERICAN GIRL (M Reeve) H O'Neill 8-10-3	R Chapman (4)	93	25-1
16	000200	CAPISTRANO PRINCE (F Gray) F Gray 5-10-1	R Goldstein	97	20-1
17	0100	REGAL STEEL (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-10-0	P Dever	98	10-1
18	314402	SAN CARLOS (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 5-10-0	S McNeill	● 99	5-1
21	230300	POLYNOR (D Thompson) M Ryan 6-10-0	Mr J Ryan (7)	81	16-1
23	044/0U0	OUTLAW (B,BF) (H White) J Edwards 8-10-0	P Scudamore	90	20-1
24	06-0600	AMBIAN HILL (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 8-10-0	T Pinfield (7)	—	25-1
25	029-200	MISS MAGNETISM (B Levy) G Blum 5-10-0	J Barlow	91	25-1
27	00FPPP-	CYPRUS SKY (F Jackson) F Jackson 10-10-0	Mr R Morris	—	33-1
28	0/0-000F	GODS WILL (P Burman) B Richmond 8-10-0	P Corrigan	—	33-1
30	324000	DRAW THE LINE (Mrs M Stewart) B Richmond 8-10-0	—	78	25-1
31	1-	ARROWROOT (H West) H Whiting 6-10-0	S Woods (7)	—	20-1

FORM SAND CASTLE boasts some useful novice form this season and (11-9) was not disgraced under a big weight last time finishing 4l 4th to Fourth Tudor (11-9) at Nottingham (2m, £1015, good, Jan 27, 19 ran). JESTO is a better horse than he has shown this season and showed distinct signs of returning to form when (11-2) 20½l 6th to Comedy Fair (12-3) at Market Rasen (2m 4f, £2148, soft, Dec 26, 15 ran). DREAM MERCHANT is consistent and off a good mark at present, on penultimate start (11-9) finished ¾l 2nd to Tivian (11-3) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £685, good to soft, Dec 2, 12 ran). MR CARACTACUS was out of the handicap when (10-0) unplaced behind Easter Lae (10-4) in a good race at Sandown on Saturday but went well for a long way and can figure here (2m, £2784, good, Feb 6, 16 ran). CAPISTRANO PRINCE is inconsistent and last showed real form when (10-4) 1½l 2nd to Metman (10-8) at Plumpton (2m, £1783, soft, Dec 9, 8 ran).
Selection: JESTO

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Edwards	6	14	42.9
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	31	25.8
M Ryan	9	40	22.5
J Gifford	30	163	18.4
D Gandolfo	12	66	18.2
J Spearing	7	41	17.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Dwyer	6	11	54.5
H Davies	17	86	19.8
P Scudamore	13	92	14.1

Only qualifiers

O'Neill scales the heights with 40-1 Ascot double

Owen O'Neill, who trains right on the top of Cleve Hill, overlooking Cheltenham, scaled the heights at Ascot yesterday when he landed a 40-1 double with Model Pupil and Christian Schad.

Model Pupil, unbeaten in his last three races, was an impressive winner of the Fernbank Hurdle. A chance ride for Graham Bradley, Model Pupil reduced the lead of long-time leader Atrabates going to the second last and jumped the final fence alongside the Lambourn-trained mare.

The gelding then produced the better acceleration on the flat to win by three lengths with Pike's Peak eight lengths away third. Bradley was substituting for Seamus O'Neill — no relation to the winning trainer — who injured his ribs at Warwick on Tuesday.

O'Neill said: "The last winner I had at Ascot was Prosper about 15 years ago. Model Pupil has now won three in a row and is on course for the Cheltenham Festival. He is in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final but after his performance over three miles today I'll probably run him in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle."

Christian Schad initiated the O'Neill double in the Datchet Novices' Hurdle. Allen Webb produced Christian Schad to challenge Prime Oats at the final flight and gained the advantage on the run-in for a 1½-length success.

Mark Richards, a 23-year-old farmer's son from Abergavenny, landed his biggest success on Castle Warden in the Charterhouse Handicap Chase, despite putting up 3lb overweight.

Richards, three times junior point-to-point champion rider of Britain, was riding over the tough fences for the first time but capably brought home the Ross-on-Wye-trained gelding four lengths clear of Simon Legree.

Dan The Millar, unbeaten in three races this season, found the tough Ascot fences his undoing in the Sapling Novices Chase. Installed 11-10 favourite for a four-timer, the eight-year-old came a cropper at the fourth fence. Northern pride was salvaged, however, when Taelos won by a neck from Bluecher.

Gordon Richards, who trains Taelos, plans another raid down South at Newbury on Saturday with Jim Thorpe, Little Bay and Centre Attraction.

Tawridge made it five wins in a row when beating Against The Grain by three lengths in the Reynoldstown Novices Chase and trainer Andy Turnell will not run the gelding again until the Sun Alliance Chase.

Injured jockeys who hope to be back on Saturday are Richard Rowe, still sore from his Fontwell fall on Monday, Steve Smith Eccles who pulled a groin muscle at Warwick on Tuesday, and Richard Dunwoody who aggravated a back injury after riding Condicote Boy in yesterday's opener.

Free competition

Tomorrow and Saturday *The Times* presents a free competition with six first-class prizes: each a luxury visit for two people to the Tote Gold Cup at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival next month.

Dope level plea is renewed

Richard Mackaness, chief executive of the National Trainers' Federation, yesterday repeated his appeal for the Jockey Club to review their policy on prohibited substances in racehorses.

Speaking the day after five horses were disqualified from seven races after amounts of theobromine, believed to be about one part per million, were found in post-race tests, Mackaness again asked the Jockey Club to look at the possibility of reaching a level below which a horse would not be disqualified.

At present, the Jockey Club automatically disqualifies a horse if any trace of a prohibited substance is found, no matter how small.

"We are always mindful of the need to preserve the integrity of racing," Mackaness said. "But we feel that they are now testing to such a low level it is becoming a farce.

"Trainers are worried by the present situation. Their reputations are being needlessly slurred, owners are losing prize money and reputable feed companies, who are already spending lots of money on research, are getting bad publicity. We have asked the Jockey Club to review their present policy but so far have had no reaction."

A spokeswoman for the Jockey Club said that a request made by the Trainers' Federation had been partially successful last October when stewards were given the discretion to waive fines on trainers in prohibited substance cases. However, a plea not to disqualify horses when only minute amounts of theobromine were found was rejected.

Go-ahead for drug tests

The Jockey Club has approved a new ruling to test jockeys for drugs which will take effect from July 1.

Local stewards, on the advice of the medical officer, will be empowered to order samples from jockeys although random sampling will not be introduced.

A Jockey Club spokesman said that although there is no evidence to suggest any jockey is involved in drug abuse the stewards are aware that the use of hard drugs could pose a serious safety hazard, and feel that the incorporation of these powers in the rules of racing will have the required deterrent effect.

Owner fined £150

John Stafford, owner of My Monte, was fined £150 at a Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday for breaches of the Rules concerning a declaration made to the Leicester stewards by him regarding the vaccination details appearing in the horses's passport when produced for inspection on November 16.

BOLA take licence increases on the chin

By Phil McLennan

The substantial increases in the cost of bookmakers' licences, which come into effect this spring, were yesterday accepted philosophically by the industry's representative body, BOLA (Betting Office Licensees' Association).

From April (March in Scotland), a bookmaker's permit will cost £100 instead of £1 and a licence for each new betting office £80 instead of £1. For existing bookmakers, permit renewals are up from £1 to £12 and licences up from £1 to £15. The original £1 fees had not been altered since the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act of 1963.

Tom Kelly, BOLA's director-general, said yesterday: "Any increases are obviously regrettable but I can't see these causing any great distress. I suppose new bookmakers will be hardest hit but it's only right that existing members should be favoured if anyone is."

The new prices follow a move by the Home Office to make all licensing procedures self-sufficient. In order to achieve this in the bookmaking industry, £300,000 was required to cover administrative costs and the increased fees are expected to produce in the region of £400,000.

Looking to the future, Mr Kelly is optimistic that a proposed three-yearly licensing system will replace the current annual renewal system. This would reduce administrative expenses but needs Government legislation to become operative.

WINCANTON

Selections
By Mandarin

1.45 Cheadle Green.
2.15 Spring Philtre.
2.45 Summons.
3.15 I GOT STUNG (nap).
3.45 Forcello.
4.15 Santopadre.

By Michael Seely
2.45 Mr Dibbs. 3.15 I GOT STUNG (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 SUMMONS.

Going: good to soft

1.45 CORTON DENHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,755: 3m 1f) (18 runners)

1	30-1224	GEATA AN UISCE (R Denny) T Forster 9-12-0	L Harvey	91	F5-2
2	10-3034	LUCKY REW (C,D) (Mrs M Teversham) T Bulgin 12-11-13	M Bowlby	96	9-2
3	13F0/00	THREE CHANCES (M Perry) R Champion 8-11-2	C Llewellyn	—	25-1
4	232U32	RIG STEEL (R Robbins) P Cundell 7-11-1	J Lower	97	10-1
5	F4UF0-4	THORNTON (P Tucker) J H Baker 8-10-10	G Landau	98	10-1
6	0U-0334	CHEADLE GREEN (Geo H Webber Ltd) T Hallett 10-10-8	D Morris	98	8-1
7	30F0P0	MIGHTY DISASTER (D Hammond) W Kemp 9-10-7	G Norton (5)	92	33-1
8	0040-P0	YOUNG BLOOD (P Doherty) S Christian 8-10-5	A Mellholland	88	12-1
9	P0P0/FP	GIDDYCAN (B,D) (H John Insh) P Hobbs 11-10-4	I Wright	—	33-1
10	44-1322	OWEN GLENDOWER (BF) (Mrs J Spelman) R Holder 10-10-3	W McFarland	93	6-1
11	12/3U3-0	RUBERCOLA (W George) M Scudamore 10-10-1	W Humphreys	● 99	8-1
12	000	COMPTON BOY (R Clements) C Holmes 11-10-0	J Brown	83	25-1
13	028-004	URARD BOY (D Ferguson) P Ransom 11-10-0	—	83	16-1
15	F3P/PF0	BEE ORCHID (C Hellyer) K Bailey 11-10-0	—	—	33-1
16	0UU000	BLACK EARL (A Greig) I Wardle 10-10-0	K Townsend	82	25-1
17	UFP-0P0	PLAYFIELDS (Andrew Baird Tennis Courts) P Burgoyne 13-10-0	A Charlton	91	25-1
18	FP00/PR	LADY SWEETAPPLES (S Pitts) W R Williams 11-10-0	A Muggeridge	—	33-1
19	30P0-00	FALKLAND CONQUEROR (Mrs G Kindersley) G Kindersley 9-10-0	A Morgan (5)	—	25-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – SNOW AND FROST

2.15 EBF HART HILL STUD NOVICE HURDLE (Mares: £1,436: 2m) (21 runners)

2	112	SPRING PHILTRE (CD,BF) (P Watson) D Elsworth 5-11-0	C Brown	95	F5-4
4		BUSY MITTENS (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 6-10-7	G McCourt	—	20-1
5	040	CAOIMHE (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-10-7	R J Beggan	82	5-1
7	30-020	CELTIC CYGNET (BF) (David Timothy Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-7	S Morshead	96	3-1
14		DODGY DECISION (Mrs J Pepperl) P Bailey 6-10-7	P Nicholls	—	25-1
16	0040-P0	EMMANIZER (B Aqshead) C Tinetline 8-10-7	J Suthern	—	33-1
19		GOBLINS THIMBLES (R Barber) R Barber 8-10-7	C Grey	—	33-1
20	23022	GREAT AUNT SALLY (L Phipps) T Bailey 6-10-7	M Williams	92	9-1
24	R0P-	INDIAN SUNRISE (J Payne) J Payne 6-10-7	R Millman	—	33-1
31	000	LEGAL AID (P Hill) L Kennard 7-10-7	B Powell	—	25-1
32	000033/	LITTLE KHAN (J I Johnson) J I Johnson 6-10-7	—	—	25-1
33	2-22402	LIZZY LONGSTOCKING Mrs J Wormacott 5-10-7	D Wormacott (7)	● 99	12-1
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TENNIS

Early exit of Gomer is the first surprise

Oklahoma City (AP) – Britain's Sara Gomer, the eighth seeded in the Virginia Slims women's tournament here, suffered a second-round upset when she was beaten in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4, by Liz Minter, the unseeded Australian, yesterday.

Gomer's defeat was the only upset of the tournament so far. Catarina Lindqvist, of Sweden, the second seed, reached the second round with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Wiltrud Probst of West Germany, and Larissa Savchenko, the third-seeded Russian, beat her compatriot, Natalia Zvereva, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Lori McNeil, the top seed, was not due to play until later.

In the other second round singles matches played, Svetlana Parkhomenko, of the Soviet Union, beat Italy's Sandra Cecchini, 6-2, 6-4; Silke Meier, of West Germany, overcame Catherine Suire, of France, 6-1, 6-3; Carina Karlsson beat Pascale Paradis, of France, 6-2, 6-0; and Natalia Bykova, another Russian, eliminated Anne Smith of the United States.

RESULTS: Singles, second round: S Parkhomenko (USSR) bt S Cecchini (It), 6-2, 6-4; E Minter (Aus) bt S Gomer (GB), 7-6, 6-4; S Meier (WG) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-1, 6-3; N Bykova (USSR) bt A Smith (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; C Karlsson (Swe) bt P Paradis (Fr), 6-2, 6-0.

SAN FRANCISCO: Sylvia Hanika, returning to the form that earned her a place in the world's top five in 1983, caused the shock of the first round when she beat the Gabriela Sabatini, the fourth-seeded Argentinian, in the Virginia Slims of California.

The 27-year-old West German, now placed 43rd in the world rankings, attributed her win to better fitness: she said that she lost 20lb in the autumn. Sabatini took the first set – after five set points – with a forehand volley, but Hanika took the lead in the second set, and was never threatened after breaking serve in the second game, to win 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

"I lost confidence when I lost my serve," said Sabatini. "And I was a little tired. The first set took a lot out of me."

Zina Garrison, the third seed, had no such problems. The American registered a comfortable win, 6-3, 6-3, over Isabelle Demongeot, the unseeded French player.

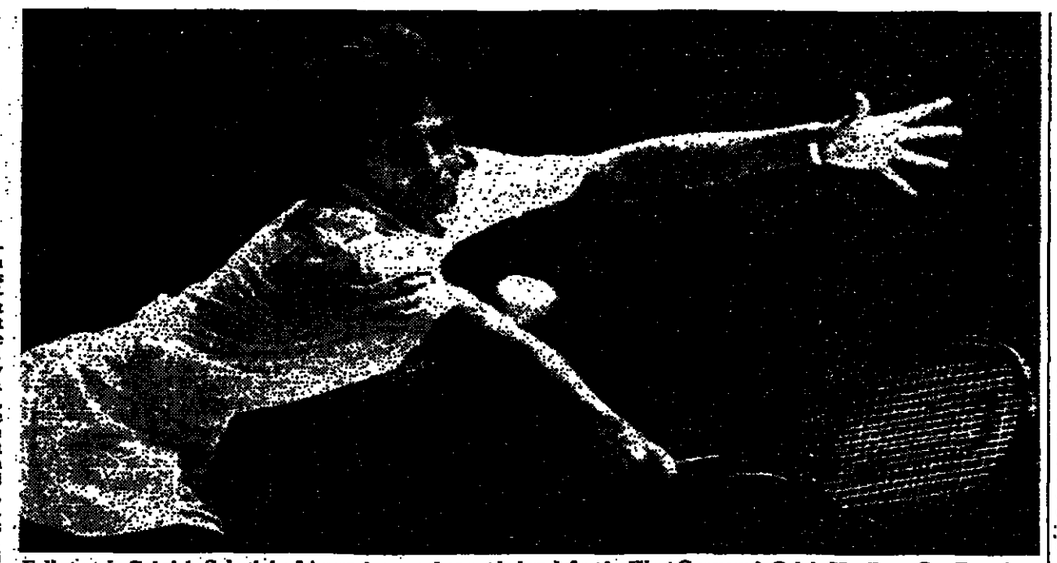
Stephanie Rehe, the eighth seed who reached the fourth round of last season's US Open while still a 16-year-old, booked her passage to the second round of this tournament after a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over another American, Kate Gompert.

And Melissa Gurney, another 17-year-old American with a promising future, defeated Anne White, her experienced compatriot, 6-2, 6-1.

RESULTS: Singles, first round (US unless stated): W White bt M Van Nostrand, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; S Rehe bt K Gompert, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; P Louie Harper bt S Goles (Yug), 6-3, 6-1; M Gurney bt A White, 6-2, 6-1; S Hanika (WG) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; Z Garrison bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-3, 6-3.

Libya pull out

Libya have withdrawn from their Davis Cup African zone second round tie against Egypt next month, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said yesterday. An ITF official said Libya had pulled out of the tie on March 13-15 "for technical reasons".



Full stretch: Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, reaches out in her defeat by West Germany's Sylvia Hanika at San Francisco

FOOTBALL: FIRST DIVISION MANAGERS MAP WAY AHEAD

Three wise men guide the thinking on game's future

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Three wise men, Ron Greenwood, Jimmy Hill and Bertie Mee, will this afternoon lead an informal meeting of the managers of the first division clubs at Coventry City. There is no specific agenda. They are to "look in to the future and to discuss methods of improving the game".

Since the talks are being led by figures of experience (Greenwood in the international arena, Hill in the media field and Mee in the public relations world), the prospect of a positive outcome is encouraging. Yet traditionally the assembly of 25 representatives may not finish speaking with one voice.

At least those who have a powerful influence on the game are gathering together. Even though the proposals that may eventually emerge will be no more than cosmetic changes, the meeting held under the banner of the Football League at Highfield Road could produce more than hot air.

One topic that they should discuss concerns the reaction of players once free kicks have been awarded against them. Instead of behaving like spoiled children, they ought to be taught to act like the professionals they profess to be and to set an example for youngsters to follow.

The custom is either to hold on to the ball, or to flick it away, or to stand on the spot where the offence was committed. It is not unusual for a side to employ all three tactics, which are designed to delay the kick to give the defence time to rearrange itself.

The habit, as irritating as it is illegitimate, is tantamount to cheating. Some clubs desist from it. Last Saturday's game between Watford (where Mee is a director) and Nottingham Forest, for example, was outstanding for its cleanliness and a credit to Graham Taylor and Brian Clough, the respective managers.

If players cannot be persuaded to abide by the rules, then they must be changed. There seems to be no logical reason, for instance, why football should not accept the other code's answer to the problem. In rugby union, the kick is merely moved 10 yards nearer to the offender's posts.

West Ham report referee

West Ham United are to protest to the Football League over comments reported to have been made by the referee controlling their home defeat by Oxford United last Saturday.

Ken Baker, the League's senior referee and president of the Referee's Association, booked the West Ham captain, Ray Stewart, during the game and later said that the Scottish international had been fortunate not to have been sent off.

Baker was quoted in a national newspaper describing Stewart as "one of those players who try to intimidate referees with sarcastic comments and moans." The West Ham chairman, Len Cearns, said: "We are very unhappy about this and will be contacting the League on the matter."

West Ham have other problems to contend with. They are badly hit by illness and injury, having now lost their central defender, Paul Hilton, who is in plaster after damaging a knee in the Oxford game. X-ray examinations reveal no ligament or cartilage damage, but Hilton must stay in plaster for a week.

He said: "I think I will struggle to make the Cup tie at Hillsborough on Saturday week. Hilton is the regular understudy for the England international, Alvin Martin, who has already been ruled out for the rest of the season after a foot operation.

Meanwhile, West Ham have shut down their Chadwell Heath training headquarters as a "precautionary measure" to stop the spread of a virus. Victims of the virus already include the West Ham manager, John Lyall, the coaches, Mick McGiven and Tony Carr, and four members of the first-team squad.

● Derby County will earn a profit of £35,000 for Charlie Palmer, the full back, who arrived from Watford on a free transfer and now moves to Hull City.

● Liverpool are planning a friendly with Glasgow Rangers at Anfield on March 24, as part of former the England international Sammy Lee's testimonial year.

Mullen joins old friend at Aberdeen

Jimmy Mullen, the Newport County manager, has once again joined forces with Ian Porterfield, the Aberdeen manager. They played together at Sheffield Wednesday and Mullen later joined Porterfield at Rotherham. Yesterday the old friends became a team again when Mullen left the Welsh third division club to take up an appointment as assistant manager at Pittodrie.

Another new arrival at Aberdeen is Brian Mitchell, the Bradford City defender, for £70,000, but Porterfield has yet to decide whether to grant John Hewitt, the £250,000-rated forward, his transfer request.

● Barnsley have rejected Sheffield Wednesday's offer of £200,000 for Larry May, their outstanding central defender since his £80,000 move from Leicester City nearly four years ago. Wednesday had hoped to include May against Arsenal on Saturday.

Christ's Hospital take on the specialists

Schools Football by George Chesterton

Christ's Hospital have now played four and won four matches. In the next 10 days they have the challenge of playing against Westminster, Lancing and Hampton, all specialist football schools. Their sternest test to date was their latest match against Sevenoaks. John Gardner, selected for the Lent Term Schools, scored both goals in a hard-fought 2-1 victory, all the goals coming in the first half.

Clifton also made a good start. Their latest success came when they visited Douai. The home team was a young and inexperienced side and went down 3-0. The first was the best goal of the match when Bionek moved well down the left wing crossing for Odeke to turn the ball in. Bionek scored the second goal and Niven put in a rebound shortly before the end.

In a fast open two-all draw between Oundle and Bedford there was no score at half-time, but shortly after Bedford, the visitors, went two ahead, the first being an own-goal. Oundle collected themselves and, putting together some useful passes, pulled one goal back and equalized as the referee was looking at his watch.

Haileybury, who have a strong side with no fewer than four in the Lent Schools Under-19 XI, were faster and finished better than Westminster whom they defeated 7-3. Ahmed Gallal and Philip Trenaman each scored twice. Haileybury have now played four and won four.

LENT TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS (to play Kent Schools on March 15): M Riddington (RGS Worcester), G Barrow (RGS Worcester), M Martin (RGS Worcester), P Messenger (Christ's Hospital), J Gardiner (Christ's Hospital), N Flint (Bedford Modern), G Wilkes (Bedford Modern), P Puentis (St John's Leatherhead), A Gorsler (Bearwood), A Awoyemi (Bearwood), D Stott (Haileybury), F Casebourne (Haileybury), A Gallal (Haileybury), V Chukwumeka (Haileybury), W Reynolds (Harrow).

Libya withdraw from Davis Cup

Libya have withdrawn from their Davis Cup African zone second round tie against Egypt next month, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said yesterday. An ITF official said Libya had pulled out of the tie on March 13-15 "for technical reasons".

OLYMPIC GAMES

ITF chief confident that his stars will uphold the ideal



David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

Lausanne

There are moments when some Olympic sports politicians making solemn pronouncements are as absurd as the Queen of Hearts. In Paris last week Philippe Chatrier, the president of the International Tennis Federation, was told by members of the Association of National Olympic Committees that they were not sure whether they wanted to mix Olympic sports with professional sports, such as tennis.

It seems to have escaped their attention that, for instance, the French football team who won the gold medal in Los Angeles were *wholly professional*, as were the teams of Italy and West Germany – never mind that track and field is professional in all but name.

Yesterday the eligibility commission of the International Olympic Committee, after further discussions with Mr Chatrier, announced the formal proposals which will be offered for approval at the session in Istanbul in May. As Mr Chatrier says: "If the IOC members vote for us, the Olympics will never be the same again. Mr Samaranch, their president, can be proud of doing away with hypocrisy".

The inclusion, on what is essentially an experimental business, of one of the most prominent professional sports is the most conspicuous move yet towards open Olympic Games. Will this benefit either the Games or tennis? I think, as Mr Chatrier does, that a change which is, in the first place, inevitable, can be mutually advantageous.

"What world sport should be worried about," Mr Chatrier says, "is not amateurism but who controls sport, the major events." That is to say, it should be the international federations, not the agents, sponsors and television. Contrary to pessimistic views, he is confident that the ITF will be in control of its megastars, such as Becker, Lendl, Navratilova and Graf. "It is important we are back in the Games," he says.

To achieve this, and in case he is mistaken, Mr Chatrier achieved the support of the Soviet Union on the understanding that if the tournament in Seoul is not a success, if the professionals fail to uphold the dignity of their game and the IOC charter, the experiment will be abandoned.

"I'm optimistic our players will behave," Mr Chatrier says. "The players who accept nomination by their national federations and their national Olympic committees will do so with their eyes totally open: knowing the rules, knowing they have to live with other competitors, knowing they have to suspend temporarily their commercial contracts.

"I think it will be a nice break from their individual, spoiled habits, surrounded by agents, and that they will enjoy representing their country, wearing the national uniform. Martina Navratilova has said to Mr Samaranch and me that she would love to win the Olympic title before she retires. Henri Leconte, who is only 23, cannot wait to take part."

The paradox is that for the leading tennis players, who already have a lot of money, to play once every four years without prize-money will be irrelevant and even an attraction, given the glamour of the Olympics. Furthermore, Mr Chatrier considers that within the Olympic environment it will be possible for the ITF, free of legal threats of restraint of trade, to be more severe in disciplinary measures. We shall see.

"I can't believe that any player would individually try to sue the IOC," he says with a smile. "We shall apply the same code of conduct, regulations and fines, and even reinforce them up to the point of defaulting a player. We do not want the image of our sport to be tarnished. I think we can be very firm."

The condition of qualification, that a player must be nominated by his or her national federation must be available for either the Davis Cup or Federation Cup and must accept the jurisdiction of the ITF, strengthens the ITF's control. Czechoslovakia, for instance, will have the option to nominate Lendl if he does not play in the Davis Cup, but can be sure not to do so. Will Lendl wish to be an Olympic outsider?

An advantage to the development of tennis is that unlike, say, their grand slam events, the entry will be limited to a maximum of three men from the eight current Davis Cup quarter-finalists that year which, especially if the tournament expands in 1992 to a draw of 128 instead of 64, will open the way for more countries. Wild cards will guarantee a place for the outstanding player of a weaker Davis Cup nation.

The quarter-finalists will have to decide whether to base their entries on the current official professional rankings or on their own qualifying competition. The two professional councils have already agreed to make space in the calendar for the Olympic tournament.

"Because they will be scarce compared with some sports, our medals will be among the most valuable in the Games," Mr Chatrier claims. "We have fought against discrimination against us (because we were professional). The least we could do was to try to produce our best champions."

That, surely, ought to be part of the spirit of the Games: a competition between the best, not between part-timers. The dignified professional is not morally inferior to someone who can afford to be amateur because their father is a duke or a millionaire, or someone who receives a government grant. The morally inferior are those who, by whatever means, seek to win by breaking the rules.

Soviet entries lift fear of Seoul boycott

Seoul (AFP) – The prospect of a full turnout at the 1988 Olympic Games here received a fillip with the Soviet Union leading the Eastern bloc entries for the second world marathon cup on April 11 and 12.

Officials said entries had also been received from Bulgaria, East Germany and Poland, while China, who took part in the Asian Games here last September despite having no diplomatic relations with South Korea, have again included runners.

GOLF

Beware snakes and Spaniard

From John Ballantine, San Diego

Severiano Ballesteros takes the place of Bernhard Langer, who is in Australia, as Europe's representative most likely to frustrate an American player's desire to win the San Diego Open, which starts today on the two magnificent public links of Torrey Pines State Park on the bluffs above La Jolla, about 15 miles north of San Diego.

Not that Langer has caused such frustration since 1985, when he won the Masters and the Heritage Classic in successive weeks, but he has twice gone close to winning this season and he is considered a real and constant threat.

But can even the Spaniard, who is the world No. 1 player and acknowledged as such even by the United States professionals, come over here cold and achieve what Langer, since the Heritage in April 1985, has failed to do?

I think he can, providing he is in reasonable practice and gets off to a good start, because Torrey Pines North and South courses are as British as any on the West Coast. They suit the European game, as Tony Jacklin showed when he lost a play-off here; and Sandy Lyle, Ken Brown, Nick Faldo and Peter Oosterhuis have always played well here.

Situated on the edge of cliffs which at one point overlook the nudist "black" beach, Torrey Pines rather resembles the Dorset or Hampshire coasts; its jagged cliffs rise more than 200 feet and deep chines cut across its fairways. Occasional signs saying "watch for snakes" remind one that it is not, after all, England.

Each player tackles the two courses in turn, the slightly longer championship South course hosting the final 36 holes. Although there is the usual strong American entry, Jack Nicklaus, Langer and the man in form, Corey Pavin, are not here, so Ballesteros's late entry was a bonus for the sponsors.

Under regulations laid down by Deane Beman's board, Ballesteros is allowed, as a non-tour member, to play in five PGA events on sponsors' invitations as well as in the Masters and the other two major events, the US Open and the PGA championship.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lesser clubs can ride luck of draw

Rugby League diary by Keith Macklin

The quoting of Hull Kingston Rovers as the 5-1 bookmakers favourites to win the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at Wembley shows how wide open is this year's competition. A fortnight ago, before the playing of the delayed first round, such odds would have been laughed out of court, and everyone would have said that the bookmakers had for once taken complete leave of their senses.

Rovers favourites? No way, after a first half of the season in which they have slumped down the first division table, put out financial distress signals, and been dismissed from the John Player Special Trophy by Doncaster. Yet some wierd and wonderful first round results, of a kind which make major cup competitions so marvellously unpredictable, have turned the Challenge Cup from a seemingly exclusive monopoly of a handful of top clubs into a genuinely open competition. The Silk Cut Trophy and Wembley glory beckon at least eight clubs and provide a glimmer of light on the horizon for several more.

Warrington, the first division leaders, were toppled at their own fortress by a Bradford Northern side. Terry Holmes and all, who were in the depths of a slump. Wigan, everybody's favourite and the team of English, Australian, New Zealand and South African talent were beaten in the last minute by homespun Oldham, whose residents went wild and danced on the pitch.

Castleford, last year's cup winners and holders of the Yorkshire Cup, were beaten on their own ground by Widnes, the cup kings of the 1970s. These three top sides went down like tenpins, and from Whitehaven across to Humberside the howls of glee were clearly audible.

Hence the apparently puzzling 5-1 odds on Hull Kingston Rovers from those normally shrewd gentlemen of business, the bookmakers. Rovers struggled to beat their tormentors Doncaster in the first round, played scrappily in the League at Leigh last Sunday, yet find themselves favourites, presumably on the strength of being last season's beaten finalists. Just behind them at 11-2 are Leeds, who have only just started to recover from a dreadful start, an inconsistent Widnes, the slipping champions Halifax and the punters' real favourites Alex Murphy's patchy but often brilliant St Helens.

At 8-1 are Bradford Northern, whose league form has slumped dreadfully, Hull and Oldham, relegation-threatened Leigh at 14-1, and the second division leaders Hunslet at 28-1.

On paper, if not on current form, all of these clubs are capable of riding the luck of the draw and reaching Wembley. There is no doubt that the supporters of the lesser clubs, having seen the spilling of the blood of the mighty, are suddenly dreaming dreams and seeing visions of twin towers.

For the uncommitted observer of idealistic or romantic viewpoint, it would be a joy to see Oldham at Wembley. They have never been to a final at the great stadium, and their supporters are annually resigned to defeat. Halifax have not been to Wembley for more than 30 years, and a Halifax v Oldham final would be a true War of the Roses and a change from Wigan, the Humberside clubs, Widnes, Leeds and St Helens.

Leigh last won the cup 16 years ago and Bradford Northern were last at Wembley 14 years ago. Wakefield Trinity, without a win in the first division this season, have reached the second round and their followers still pine for a return to the glory days of the early sixties, when Trinity went to three finals in four years.

Among the second division clubs Hunslet and Whitehaven will believe that the impossible can happen, with a little bit of luck and a fair bounce of the ball. Heady prospects, but it could still end up, as it did in 1978, with the mixture as before and the final between two of the remaining big boys, Leeds and St Helens.

Elia returns

Mark Elia, the New Zealand international centre, returns to St Helens this weekend to lift the championship contenders. Elia, who scored 15 tries in 13 games for St Helens last season, was forced to return home in November, after suffering a recurrence of hamstring trouble.

SWIMMING

Reward for records at Ipswich

By Roy Moor

The British Amateur Swimming Federation have given a boost to the Hewlett-Packard International open meet, at Ipswich on February 26 to March 1, by providing cash grants to competitors who break records.

These awards will be on a sliding scale, from world records down to national best performances, with a maximum sum of 300 Swiss francs (£132) paid for a world record.

This will be the second occasion financial rewards have been available in British swimming since the new international rule came into effect in Britain on January 1.

Unlike last month's Leicester Open meeting, where cash incentives were so eagerly snapped up, money will not be given for winning events.

David Reeves, the secretary of the Federation, explained yesterday that their rules did not permit cash prizes. "We are looking into the appropriate rule with the possibility of making an amendment, but it could be a year before the change can be put into effect.

"We need to have money prizes to attract foreign competitors and so make our Open meets more exciting. All money of course must be paid into a swimmer's trust fund, whether it is for breaking records or winning. We consider the incentives can help to raise the standard of British swimming at all levels." All cash awards must go into a successful swimmer's trust fund, which is controlled by the his or her national association.

The Netherlands, Switzerland and Sweden have agreed to send teams to the Ipswich meet, after which an English international squad will be selected for summer competitions.

● Adrian Moorhouse, who broke the one-minute barrier in the 100m breaststroke in Bonn at the weekend, continued his good form by setting a new British long-course record in the 50m breaststroke, finishing in 28.82sec at Hamburg.

He achieved the time in a thrilling race with Rolf Beab, the West German champion, which ended in a tie between the two for first place. Moorhouse also won the 200m event, in 2min 18.8sec.

HOCKEY

Cambridge finale foils Kingstonians

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge Univ	1
Old Kingstonians	1

A goal by Eric Castenskiold five seconds from time enabled Cambridge University to draw with Old Kingstonians in a lively Pizza Express London League match at Fenner's yesterday.

Old Kingstonians, who had beaten both Oxford and London, were foiled in their attempt to claim another university scalp. Cambridge looked more inventive, with Cootes back from injury, but a number of attacks broke down against a solid Old Kingstonians defence in which Reynolds was a tower of strength.

Cambridge did a lot of good running and were unlucky to be a goal down at half-time. All their variations at short corners came to nothing and they had six of these awards in this period.

Old Kingstonians took 12 minutes to make their first entry into the circle where Cambridge were penalized for obstruction to concede a short corner. Another short corner in favour of the visitors, awarded in the sixteenth minute, proved fruitful. Gary Nienow, himself a Cambridge Blue, seized the ball from a scramble and pushed it into an open goal.

Old Kingstonians were indebted to Reynolds who made two saves on the line, one from Stimmon at a short corner and another from Shafiq shortly after Old Kingstonians had scored. A minute before the interval however, Shafiq, the Cambridge outside left, provided Ghauri with a good chance to score but his angular shot hit the outside of the boards.

There was more frustration for Cambridge in the fourth minute of the second half when Stenner broke through on his own. But he was put off his stride when confronted by the goalkeeper and his shot went adrift off a post.

Old Kingstonians took up the running and could have increased their lead particularly when Gary Nienow set up a chance in the twentieth minute for Neil Murray whose shot was well saved by Simon Wilson in the Cambridge goal.

Cambridge had almost given up hope after squandering four more short corners but in the dying seconds Shafiq started a move on the right and passed to Bell who set up the chance for Castenskiold to drive the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *S Wilson (Christ's Hospital and Magdalene); *G Stimmon (KCS Wimbledon and Downing), *M Partington (Millfield School and Emmanuel), *R Pughe (Wellington and Fitzwilliam), P Nienow (King Edward's Birmingham and St John's), *J Stannes (Perse and Magdalene), C Bell (Bedford and Magdalene), *P Cootes (Portsmouth GS and Magdalene), *S Ghauri (Kingston GS and St Catherine's), E Castenskiold (Bedford and Magdalene). *A Shafiq (Caterham and Downing).

OLD KINGSTONIANS: N Edmunds; H Bartley, M Murray, D Reynolds, R Miles, S Nicoll, T Wilson, S Cox, R Scott, G Nienow, N Murray.

Umpires: F Lockhart (Eastern Counties) and T Golding (Southern Counties).

*'s Blue

England warm up

England's netball squad begin their build-up for the world championships in Glasgow later this year with a get-together at the Michael Sobell Centre, North London, on Sunday.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Everton v Nottingham Forest (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v QPR (2.0); Charlton v Portsmouth (at Bromley FC, 3.0).

OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University v Hitchin (at Grange Road, 7.30).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Carlsberg first division men: Sunderland 76ers v Calderdale Explorers (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Kent championships (at Walnuts SC, Orpington).

BOWLS: Embassy World indoor championship (at Coatbridge, 1.30 and 8.0).

RACKETS: Amateur doubles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

SKIING: British alpine championships (at Courmayeur, Italy).

SNOOKER: Matchroom Welsh professional championship (at Newport Centre, 2.0 and 7.0).

TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor satellite circuit (at Telford).

SPORT ON TV

BADMINTON: Carlsberg English national championships. C4: 5.30pm.

BOWLS: Embassy World indoor championship, Coatbridge. BBC2: 3.03, 4.30, 7.40, 10.10 and 11.25pm.

GOLF: International pro-celebrity. BBC2: 6.50pm.

TABLE TENNIS

Selectors and coach dismissed

By a Special Correspondent

John Prean, the controversial new chairman of the English Table Tennis Association, has caused one of the biggest shakeups in years by removing the selectors and the national director of coaching, David Fairholm.

Both tasks will now be taken on by Don Parker, the national trainer, who will have the say over selection. Parker, a former England international, will have as his coaching assistant his wife Jill Hammersley-Parker, the former European champion and England's best known woman player of modern times.

Prean, who has been chairman for only two months, has thus given unprecedented powers to Parker, aged 30, as part of a plan to improve the performances of the England team. These in the last four years have often been disappointing.

"This is the way forward for the sport in giving top professionals the backing and authority to do the job," Prean said. "The next priority is the appointment of a chief executive to improve our marketing and public image which we hope to do next month."

The radical nature of the moves is, however, certain to raise the profile of the sport and incur criticism at the same time. Fairholm, who had been in his job only nine months, is to return to his former position as a national coach. The chairman of the selectors, Paul Day, who had been in office only three months and claimed he has not been informed about the changes, will go to next week's World championships in New Delhi as a junior coach.

A major surprise is that Prean appeared to have had his plans to remove the selectors constitutionally blocked at last month's national council meeting when his nomination of Bernard Rowley as vice-chairman was rejected. However this latest announcement comes after last weekend's meeting of the management committee which appears to have authorized the changes.

● Ulf Bengtsson, the former European singles champion, has withdrawn from Sweden's team for the World championships because of a persistent groin injury. His place has been taken by Johan Fallby.

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CRICKET

Pakistan let Kapil Dev and Azharuddin find India an escape route

From Richard Streeton, Calcutta

An unfinished sixth wicket stand between Mohammad Azharuddin and Kapil Dev prevented Pakistan from seizing full control when they asked India to bat first in the second Test match here yesterday. Pakistan held the initiative after capturing five wickets before the slide was stopped. By the close India were 225 for five wickets.

It was tight and gritty with Pakistan barely reaching 12 overs an hour and the Indian batsmen often bogged down. They know the game at Eden Gardens and a 70,000 crowd fully appreciated the struggle between bat and ball.

The pitch shaven of any grass promised little help. Imran Khan presumably felt he had the best chance to dictate the game' pattern if he gave his bowlers first opportunity. For a time he was right. Without bowling at their best, Pakistan were helped by indiscretions by the batsmen.

Azharuddin early on did nothing to suggest he would stay. He survived some anxious moments against Wasim Akram and Saleem Jaffer, the left-arm seamers, and his 51 not out spread over 195 minutes was a triumph for perserverance. Kapil initially suffered agonies against Abdul Qadir's spin, but he too, came through and the stand has brought 76 runs in 25 overs.

Imran finished the day with the worst figures, but perhaps bowled the best. Srikkanth took three fours from his third over and Vengsarkar latter played some glorious drives and square cuts. Otherwise Imran regularly beat the bat without any luck. Both Akram and Jaffer maintained a good line and pace and Qadir regularly bothered everyone.

First thing there was a degree of swing before the early haze dispersed, but it did not stop Srikkanth looking for runs. In the sixth over, however, he lofted the ball high and Malik on the square-leg boundary did not have to move for the catch.

Amarnath looked solid before he was run out for the second time in successive Test innings. Arun Lal pushed a ball from Jaffer into the covers and Amarnath, backing up too far, could not regain safety before Shoaib Mohammad's throw hit the stumps.

Sunil Gavaskar's self-imposed absence for the first time in 106 Tests was marked by numerous banners of protest and chanting, while an effigy was burnt outside the ground. Gavaskar, booed during the Calcutta Test against England during the 1984-85 tour, told a Calcutta newspaper: "I need privacy."

But his decision brought wide-spread criticism. One group of protesters fasted for eight hours; some leading politicians asked that he never be chosen for India again and Bishen Bedi, the former captain, said: "Along with millions of others, I am disgusted with his decision." The Indian selectors have also dropped Gavaskar for the second one-day international at Eden Gardens next Wednesday.

Pakistan were again helped when Arun, who brimmed with confidence, mistimed a hook and lobbed a simple catch to backward square-leg. Arun, who is 31 and played four Tests four years ago, has made three double centuries in recent weeks and was preferred to Lamba as Gavaskar's stand-in. Arun does not like opening, but seemed set for a long innings when he was out.

While Azharuddin struggled and Vengsarkar played himself in, the scoring rate slowed, but the worst seemed over when Vengsarkar and Shastri were out in successive overs to leave India 149 for five. Vengsarkar aimed a loose square cut at a ball leaving him and departed extremely angry with himself. Shastri earned five runs with the help of overthrows as he drove his first ball for a single. He then tried to drive Qadir, but was utterly bamboozled by a googly.

Azharuddin however grew in confidence and drove with splendid timing on both sides of the wicket once he settled down. Kapil overcame his initial problems with Qadir and looked much happier against the fast bowlers, as the match entered its extra twenty minutes, stipulated if 82 overs are not reached in the day. Pakistan had managed 73 when a halt was called — a poor performance by a team who for long periods were on top.

INDIA: First innings

K Srikkanth c Malik b Wasim	22
Arun Lal c Tauseef b Jaffer	52
M Amarnath run out	9
D B Vengsarkar c Yousuf b Wasim	38
M Azharuddin not out	51
R J Shastri b Qadir	5
*Kapil Dev not out	39
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 4)	9
Total (5 wkts)	225

R R Kulkarni, R M H Binny, Maninder Singh and †K S More to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-73, 3-104, 4-144, 5-149.

BOWLING: Imran 20-1-66-0; Wasim 20-4-50-2; Jaffer 18-1-54-1; Tauseel 3-0-8-0; Qadir 12-3-42-1.

PAKISTAN: *Imran Khan, Javed Miandad, Shoaib Mohammad, Ramiz Raja, †Saleem Yousuf, Salim Malik, Abdul Qadir, Wasim Akram, Rizwan-uz-Zaman, Tauseef Ahmed, Saleem Jaffer.

INDIAN ONE-DAY SQUAD (for second one-day international, Calcutta, February 16): *Kapil Dev, R J Shastri, K Srikkanth, L Rajput, D B Vengsarkar, †C S Pandit, Madan Lal, R R Kulkarni, R M H Binny, N S Yadav, Maninder Singh, S Viswanath, Raman Lamba, M Azharuddin.



It takes all sorts: Phil Carrick, Yorkshire's captain, with Bertie Bassett, the club's sponsor

Yorkshire's sweet salvation

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire, who were forced to sell around £30,000 of their assets to put their balance sheet in the black this year, were thrown a lifeline yesterday when Bassett's, the confectionary firm, undertook a three-year sponsorship deal worth £25,000 in the first year.

The county, who faced a financial crisis when their previous sponsors withdrew, were suitably relieved to meet Bertie Bassett, the walking liquorice allsort, and cricket chairman Brian Close summed it up neatly when he said: "In these days, cricket needs sponsors more than they need us and we find ourselves meeting some strange bed-fellows."

Mr Bev Stokes, the chairman and chief executive of Bassett's said: "We are a Yorkshire company hoping to ally our name to the best traditions of the county, which we think are realized in the cricket club. This is a good opportunity to link the product with a sound game and really, when viewed as a proportion of the £1 million we need to spend to maintain our 10 per cent share of the market, the money is not a lot.

"We hope the players will chew Beech Nut rather than that other brand, and when Yorkshire need fast runs, they will turn to Pontefract cakes," he added, with a note of humour. Mr Stokes, whose firm is based in Sheffield, was born in Keighley and has been a member of the club his company are now sponsoring.

"Too much cash goes into soccer and nothing like enough into supporting a game that has such a ground-swell behind it," said Mr Stokes, who aims to promote cricket with, perhaps, a new series of "famous cricketer" cards, in confectionary packs, reminiscent of the old cigarette cards that are now collectors' items.

"Our Bertie Bassett figure will be on all the grounds distributing the sweets but he will not intrude during play. The retail trade may well find this product-identity is the way forward, and if it works well after the first year, we may prove our cash commitment," said Mr Stokes.

Yorkshire officials were impressed to have one of their own returning to the fold and, on the face of it, cricket, so often simply a grabber of cash with little return for the sponsor, would seem sure to gain from imaginative yet clean-cut promotion. Close, so much more a player than administrator, admitted: "I don't think clubs have done enough for their benefactors in the past and I hope we are going to change that once and for all."

Yorkshire members, who meet at their annual general meeting in Leeds a week on Saturday, will also be happy to see the club has replaced a loss estimated at £80,000 over the next three years.

£10,000 boost

Northamptonshire's three-day cricket match against the Pakistanis in June has attracted sponsorship worth £10,000 from the city of Milton Keynes. The game, which will be played at the Manor Fields ground in Bletchley, is being backed jointly by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation and the Borough Council.

RUGBY UNION

The colour purple helps Durham get over the blues

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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UWCM 3

Durham University reached their fifth Universities Athletic Union final since 1980 at Rugby yesterday but they were forced to leave it late by a brave University of Wales College of Medicine side. The medicals, who have not reached a UAU quarter-final before, let alone a semi-final, hung on tooth and nail before going down by a try and three penalty goals to a penalty.

It was not until the final 10 minutes that Durham, buoyed up perhaps by the thought of four past and present Purples selected together as the England B team threequarters against France earlier in the day, drew away from their Welsh opponents by scoring the only try of the match through Taylor, their neat scrum half.

The try came from a lineout which had been established by Carling's corkscrewing round to the corner. Carling is one of that England B quartet and again suggested his latent ability with the time he always seemed to have at his disposal. One other run might have led to a try had not his wing suddenly disappeared from view.

The medicals shared much of the spoils, such as they were, of the first half of a game played in persistent showers on a greasy surface and under lowering skies. They could have done with the encouragement of early points but Roberts pulled three penalties wide and it was Canning, at his second attempt, who gave Durham their 3-0 interval lead. Durham had also worked Harris clear on one occasion and the elusive wing slipped the cover only to be hauled down by the hard-working Jones two metres short.

There was much enthusiasm but little shape to the game until the second half when Durham's pack began to assume an ascendancy in the scrums. Nevertheless the medicals ordered their defence well, working coolly and aversively when Durham threatened and, on virtually their only visit to the Durham 22 in the second period, levelled the score through Roberts, to the vocal delights of their supporters, who probably comprized the entire college population.

It was their last throw. Carling was wide with a couple of penalties but Canning, though adrift with a drop shot, sandwiched Taylor's try with two more penalties. The medicals were forced to run out of deep defence and their composure, so good hitherto, began to disappear, but it has been a memorable competition for them.

SCORERS: Durham University: Try: Taylor. Penalties: Canning (3). UWCM: Penalty: Roberts.
DURHAM UNIVERSITY: J Squire; W Fawcett, I Elliot (rep: P Leaver), W Carling, R Harris; J Canning, R Taylor; J Close, R Basham, A Mullins, F Peart, M White, A Frombard, J Turley, D Brown.
UWCM: C Rees; P Edwards, T James, R Howells, A Thomas; M Roberts, W Evans; R Owen, S Davies, H Richards, T Yapp, P Black, S West, N Jones, D Cooke.
Referee: K Mahon (Warwickshire).

Holders beaten by confident Bristol

By a Correspondent

Bristol University..... 20
Loughborough University..... 13

Bristol University went through to the final of Universities Athletic Union championship — where they will meet Durham University — after defeating the holders, Loughborough University, in the their semi-final at Stourbridge yesterday.

It took Bristol only three minutes to let Loughborough know that they were not too concerned about all the big names in the Loughborough team.

Bristol's big name, Jon Webb, converted a 45-metre penalty given against a Loughborough flanker for offside. Two minutes later he did the same from a slightly longer distance.

When Sutton failed to clear his lines after concentrated Bristol pressure it was the same player who glided through Loughborough's shadow tackling to score a superb try in the corner which he converted. Then Loughborough began to get more ball and, five minutes before half-time, Howard converted a penalty in front of the posts to make the score 12-3.

The second half again started with Bristol disrupting any Loughborough attempt to construct meaningful attacks and naive inter-passing in the centre led to the Bristol backs forcing a mistake for their scrum-half, Pinder, to break wide out and put Perkins over for a try.

After 20 minutes Bristol increased their lead with another Perkins try after excellent support play in the centre and then set about defending. Loughborough came back with several midfield, mauls which led to Sutton putting Howard over for an unconverted try.

Still Loughborough pressed and although losing their stand-off half, Sutton, near the end with suspected concussion, they still managed to disrupt a Bristol lineout for their hooker, Hudson, to get the touch-down which Howard converted from the touch-line.

But Bristol ended as they had started — on the attack — having deservedly seen off everything Loughborough could attempt.

SCORERS: Bristol University: Tries: Webb, Perkins (2). Conversions: Webb. Penalties: Webb (2). Loughborough University: Tries: Howard, Hudson. Conversion: Howard. Penalty: Howard.
BRISTOL UNIVERSITY: J Webb; J Perkins, H Jeavons-Fellows (capt), M Pedlow, T Hawkes; M Walker, S Pinder; R Tice, A Baldwin, B McConnell, A Sibbald, K O'Shea, S Swales, C Pett, T Jones.
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: A Buzza; C Howard, C Allen, M Smith, R Richardson; A Sutton (rep: J Sheppard), M Hancock; J Tarrant, J Hudson, I Lance, M Reid, M Upex, A Buchanan-Smith, J Holmyard, J Wilby (capt).
Referee: R Hinton (North Midlands).

Bicknell outpaces Sri Lanka

From a Special Correspondent, Kandy

The Surrey fast-medium bowler Martin Bicknell took four vital wickets to force Sri Lanka to follow on in the second four-day Young Cricketers international match at the Asgiriya Stadium here yesterday. Bicknell, coming on as first-change, took four for 37 in 27.2 overs as Sri Lanka were dismissed for 260 in reply to England's 451 for seven declared.

With their second innings barely started, Sri Lanka now face the whole of today to score the 190 runs they need to avoid an innings defeat.

Bicknell, gaining exceptional pace off a pitch which has grown slower as the match has continued, troubled all the batsmen.

Mendis, who scored a face-saving 96, was not confident against Bicknell when he pitched short. Mendis, a right-handed all-rounder from Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa, the home town of the Sri Lanka Test captain Duleep Mendis, waged a lone battle against the England bowlers after the Sri Lankans had lost their two remaining front-line batsmen early in the first session.

Mendis batted for the equivalent of over two days — 362 minutes — and hit 10 fours in a courageous display. He was helped in useful stands by the tail-enders, who helped Sri Lanka recover from 96 for five to 260 all out.

When Sri Lanka's innings came to an end 20 minutes before the close, there was some confusion over the follow-on target. Everyone in the stadium was under the impression it was 200 runs, but the umpires confirmed it was 150 and Sri Lanka were asked to follow on.

ENGLAND YC: First innings

M R Ramprakash c Nadarajah b Perera	38
*M A Atherton c and b Perera	18
P R Ward c Nadarajah b Perera	67
M W Alleyne c Unanpenne b Perera	13
N Hussain c Fernando b Perera	170
O C K Smith c and b Mendis	105
A G J Fraser b Perera	4
M P Bicknell not out	21
Extras: (b 5, lb 9, nb 1)	15
Total (7 dec)	451

†W K Hegg, H R J Trump and L Tennant did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-131, 3-133, 4-166, 5-379, 6-402, 7-451.

BOWLING: Madena 13-4-28-0; Weerakkody 13-4-35-0; Perera 53-8-162-6; Jayasinghe 28-13-55-0; Thenuwara 23-1-115-0; Mendis 10.5-1-42-1.

SRI LANKA YC: First innings

R Rajapakse b Atherton	39
A Alirajah run out	0
D Nadarajah b Trump	26
C Unantenne c Atherton b Bicknell	15
C Mendis c Hegg b Bicknell	96
†N Fernando c and b Bicknell	4
R N Weerakkody c Hegg b Bicknell	11
C R Thenuwara lbw b Tennant	22
*D R Madena b Fraser	0
D C M Perera c Ward b Fraser	22
S K Jayasinghe not out	8
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 9, w 2)	17
Total	260

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-64, 3-72, 4-86, 5-98, 6-132, 7-184, 8-187, 9-228.

BOWLING: Fraser 24-0-63-2; Tennant 22-5-65-1; Bicknell 27.2-11-37-4; Trump 28-14-49-1; Atherton 23-13-33-1; Alleyne 3-1-3-0; Ramprakash 1-0-4-0.

Second Innings

R Rajapakse not out	0
A Alirajah not out	1
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	1

BOWLING: Bicknell 1-1-0-0; Fraser 0.3-0-1-0.

Umpires B C Cooray and W A U Wickremasinghe.

Other side of Sussex story

By Alan Lee

The private strife gripping Sussex cricket escalated to public warfare last night as comments by the sacked coach, Stewart Storey, provoked senior players into breaking their long silence.

Storey, whose abrupt dismissal was the county's response to a series of crisis meetings with discontented players, yesterday alleged that the club had allowed "a small fraction" of the playing staff to dictate to them and that no criticisms of his efforts had been voiced.

These remarks, subsequent to the apparently lame explanation by the chairman, Maurice Leadley, that "one or two players" were unhappy to play with Storey as coach, brought an aggrieved reaction.

Tony Pigott, the fast bowler, one of seven who have yet to sign new contracts, explained: "We are being made out as the villains of this affair and I'm not prepared to stand by and see that happen. If the committee are saying nothing I will have to say it for them and I know I have a lot of support.

"The fact is that a large majority of our players are unhappy, not just one or two. Storey's presence was not the entire reason but to say there has been no criticism of him is garbage. That is exactly what was expressed at our meetings with the chairman."

Ian Gould, the captain who led Sussex to the NatWest Trophy last September, added: "This has not been a case of player-power. The club wanted the players to give an opinion and a lot of them expressed the same opinions. The last thing I want is a divided club. I want a full complement of happy players to start the new season."

Gould and his players were involved in further discussions with the committee last night, this time on a wage structure the club has indicated it may improve. Sussex's players are among the lowest-paid in the country.

The club's annual meeting on February 23 promises further unrest but their priority is to persuade Colin Wells, who has now been approached by Gloucestershire, Kent and Lancashire, that he should stay.

Pigott himself was set to join Somerset in 1984 but he recalls: "I stayed through loyalty. Somerset offered me so much more but I've been a Sussex person all my life and I don't want to play for anyone else.

"That still applies now. If I and the other players have done anything in the past week, we have done it for the club and for a team we all believe in.

"These problems have not occurred overnight. They have been brewing for a long time and something had to be done if this good team was to be kept together.

"I was prepared to retire if nothing improved but I don't want to do that. Just as I don't believe Colin Wells wants to leave. There was something to fight for and that is what we are doing."

BOWLS

Master of subtlety to face master of recovery

By Gordon Allan

David Corkill, of Northern Ireland, the Superbowl winner last October, beat Stephen Rees, of Wales, the United Kingdom champion, 7-6, 7-2, 7-4 in the second round of the Embassy world indoor singles at Coatbridge yesterday. In the quarter-finals tomorrow he plays Ian Bruce of Scotland.

In the UK semi-finals at Preston, Rees beat Corkill by three sets to one. He led Corkill 6-0 in the first set yesterday, yet lost it. Once Corkill had the mat he started making subtle changes of length, which threw Rees off his stroke. Two loose ends, which cost Rees a total of eight shots, more or less decided the match.

Corkill, who celebrates his 27th birthday next Sunday, the day of the final, has recently been wearing glasses on the green as an experiment. But he dispensed with them against Rees, having found in practice that they were not necessary after all. Rees said afterwards, with a twinkle, that he might borrow them.

Bruce said after beating Cecil Bransky 2-7, 7-0, 2-7, 7-3, 7-5 on Tuesday evening that it was the best singles match in which he had ever played. It certainly had one of the best finishes anyone could recall.

Twice Bruce came back from one set down. At 5-5 in the final set Bransky, on one of his favourite full-length jacks, held two close shots but, in trying to cover three of Bruce's woods at the back, lost his other two in the ditch — a crucial error as it turned out.

Bruce could have gone for second wood. But in the circumstances he decided to stake everything on contacting the shot wood and springing the jack. By tightening his line and keeping the same weight, he did it. Bransky's sportsmanship and Bruce's delight were a pleasure to see.

The big guns in the bottom half of the draw wheel into action again today. David Bryant plays John Watson, Terry Sullivan plays Jim Muir and Tony Allcock plays Willie Wood. Bryant, Watson, Sullivan and Allcock have all won the title.

RESULTS: Second round (Tuesday): W Wood (Scot) bt R Parrella (Aus), 5-7, 7-3, 7-5, 7-0; I Bruce (Scot) bt C Bransky (Isr), 2-7, 7-0, 7-7, 7-3, 7-5. Yesterday: D Corkill (N Ire) bt S Rees (Wales), 7-6, 7-2, 7-4

TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION: Chelsea 4, Oxford Utd 0
FOURTH DIVISION: Scunthorpe Utd 0, Orient 2
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: First round: Bury 1, Wigan 1 (aet, Bury win 5-4 on pens). Northern Area quarter-finals: Bolton 1, Chester 2, Rochdale 0, Middlesbrough 0 (aet, Middlesbrough win 4-3 on pens). Postponed: Wrexham v Preston. Southern Area quarter-finals: Aldershot 1, Fulham 1 (aet, Aldershot win 11-10 on pens). Bristol C 3, Brentford 0, Port Vale 3, Gillingham 3 (aet, Gillingham win 8-7 on pens). Swindon 4, Hereford 2
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Dunfermline 2, Clyde 0; Montrose 0, Forfar 1, Partick 0, Morton 1.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion 1, Stirling Albion 1; Alloa 0, Meadowbank 0, Berwick 1, Raith Rovers 0.
OTHER MATCH: Bordeaux 1, Everton 2; Benfica (Fri) 1, PSV Eindhoven 3.
FIFA FIVE-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT (La Coruna, Spain): First round, Group A: United States 1, Belgium 1, Spain 4, Portugal 0. Group B: Hungary 1, Italy 0; Netherlands 5, Brazil 1
WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Shrewsbury 0, Newport 1
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barnet 2, Bath City 1
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier Division: Harrow 2, Bishop's Stortford 1. Barking 1, Carshalton 1. AC Delco Cup: Hitchin 0, Bognor 2 (aet)
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Folkestone 0, Fisher 2. Bill Dellow Cup: Dorchester 1, Gloucester 0; Willenhall 1, Hednesford 3 (aet); Erith 0, Chatham 1 (aet)
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Division: Derby 3, Sunderland 0, Manchester City 3, Oldham 0. Second Division: Notts County 2, Doncaster 3
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Watford 5, Crystal Palace 2; Ipswich 1, Millwall 2; Reading 2, Fulham 1
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Tottenham 1, Nottingham Forest 1
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Aylesbury 3, Croydon 1; Altrincham 2, Kettering 2; Runcorn 3, Alvechurch 1
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wycombe 2, Wimbledon 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second Round: Matlock 1, Caernarfon 1; Stalybridge 2, Marine 0.
MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP: Quarter-final: Wembley 2, Ruislip Manor 1.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Dover 0, Thanet 0
BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Third round: Slough 7, Buckingham 4.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: First Round replays: Walton and Hersham 2, Ash Utd 0. Leatherhead 1, Chertsey Tn 0
UNIVERSITY MATCH: Cambridge University 2, London Legal League 1.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

LONDON: World rankings: Men: 1, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 30sps. 2, M Sidek (Mal), 290. 3, G Xiong (China), 280. =4, S Baddeley (GB) and Kok Kwong Foo (Mal), 250. 6, D Hall (GB), 225. 7, Joo Bong Park (S Kor), 220. 8, Jianhua Zhao (China), 210. 9, N Yates (GB), 200. 10, Sung Bae Park (S Kor), 180.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Sharp Manchester United 101 (Phillips 23, Jones 19) Homespore Bolton 84 (Crosby 29, Jordan 18, Knibbs 18).
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 100, New York Knicks 95. Dallas Mavericks 135, Portland Trail Blazers 115. Houston Rockets 115, San Antonio Spurs 92. Chicago Bulls 104, Philadelphia 76ers 98. Phoenix Suns 102, Utah Jazz 98. Boston Celtics 119, Denver Nuggets 105. Los Angeles Lakers 114, Sacramento Kings 98 (att). Indiana Pacers 126, Golden State Warriors 125. Atlanta Falcons 125, Seattle SuperSonics 113

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Morgan Cup (aggregate on three top courses): 1, F Gansser (Swed), 154.80; 2, U Nater (Switz), 156.94; 3, A Ionesco (Sp), 157.81; 4, J Badrutt (Switz), 158.23; 5, H Lesner (Austria), 158.37; 6, M Metcher (Switz), 158.76. Best Cup (Handicap) (aggregate on three top courses): 1, P Gallart (Swed), 154.15; 2, G Saratz (Switz), 154.18; 3, P O Benn (GB), 154.65; 4, M Albers-Schönberg (Swed), 155.28; 5, B von Uten-Erbach (WG), 155.49; 6, C Vonmoos (Switz), 156.54.

RUGBY FIVES

WINCHESTER: RFA Club bt Wessex 104-103. T Cobb and K Lone v D Butin and A Leigh 15-16, Cobb and Lone v A Lenchworth and A Wolstenholme 15-11, 15-13. N Cox and W Gumyon v Butin and Leigh 15-10, 11-15, v Letchworth and Wolstenholme 4-15, 11-15
BLUNDELL, Tiverton: RFA bt Old Blundelkans 127-113. M Sage v C Clapp 11-1, S Watson v J Webber 11-3, H Green v D Rice 2-11, Sage and Green v Weber and Clapp 10-15, 12-15, Sage and Green v Rice and Chorley 11-4, 11-8; Lewis and Dingle v Webber and House 11-4, 8-11; Lewis and Dingle v Rice and Chorley 16-14, 15-8.
SHERBORNE: Sherborne Select IV bt Wessex Club 114-103. M Cleaver and P Carling v V Alcous and B Gill 15-11, 15-13, Cleaver and Carling v C Gibb and F Akerman 15-14, 11-15, S Wright and T Lawson v Alcous and Gill 11-15, 11-15, Wright and Lawson v Gibb and Akerman 12-15, 15-11.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon 2, Bristol Rovers 4
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London University 0, Army 3
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Loughborough 3, Newcastle 0
LA CORUNA: FIFA five-a-side tournament: Group A: Spain 3, United States 2, Belgium 4, Portugal 3. Group B: Brazil 3, Italy 1; Netherlands 2, Hungary 1.
KUALA LUMPUR: Intercity tournament: Seoul 2, Lucerne 1. Semi-final lineup: Groningen v Lucerne, Seoul v Kuala Lumpur.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London University 2, Royal Navy 1.
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Men: Loughborough 2, Exeter 3 (aet). Cardiff 2, Aberystwyth 1. Women: Exeter 4, Warwick 0. Loughborough 4, Durham 0
BRITISH POLYTECHNICS CUP: Semi-final: Women: Brighton 3, Trent 0.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Matchroom Welsh professional championship: Quarter-finals: T Chappel bt R Reardon, 6-4. Frame scores (Chappel first), 65-55, 19-75, 90-0, 84-28, 4-61, 30-67, 52-36, 56-54, 16-61, 91-23. D Mountjoy bt C Roscoe 6-2. Frame scores (Mountjoy first), 34-89, 89-10, 94-37, 87-10, 41-57, 85-20, 63-53, 86-20.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Blackpool 10, Wakefield 15.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 15, Ladies 4.
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Bristol 20, Loughborough 13, Durham 13, Cardiff Medicals 3.
HOSPITALS' CUP: Semi-finals: Charing Cross/Westminster 33, UCH 0. St George's 0, St Mary's 50
CLUB MATCH: Newport 23, Bridgend 4; Plymouth 13, RAF 6; Penarth 12, Ebbw Vale 15.

SQUASH RACKETS

HELSINKI: IVO International Open: Men: First round: P Whitlock (GB) bt Z Saleh (GB), 9-5, 9-7, 9-0; B Beeson (GB) bt R Eyles (Aus), 4-9, 8-10, 9-7, 9-1, 9-4; F Johansson (Swe) bt S Burn (Can), 9-3, 9-4, 9-7; G Brumby (Aus) bt M Robberds (Aus), 9-4, 9-1, 9-1; B Marton (Aus) bt P Hill (Sing), 7-9, 10-8, 8-10, 9-3, 9-6; B Almstroem (Swe) bt M Saarela (Fin), 10-8, 9-7, 9-5; P Pelokanen (Fin) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 1-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-4; J Khan (Pak) bt P Carter (GB), 9-4, 9-0, 9-0; R Marsh (Aus) bt M Santo (Fin), 9-2, 9-8, 9-3, D Meddings (GB) bt J Gomarup (Swe), 2-9, 9-5, 9-2, 1-9, 9-4; J Nicolle (GB) bt S Gunningham (NZ), 10-8, 9-0, 9-0; U Hayat Khan (Pak) bt N Sales (GB), 9-4, 9-1, 9-2; C Dittmar (Aus) bt P Coll (Aus), 9-2, 9-5, 7-9, 9-4.

TENNIS

TELFORD: LTA indoor satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: P Pech (Fr) bt M Tauson (Den), 6-1, 6-4; F Sauer (Neth) bt S Garrard (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; P Fleming (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; S Bale (Middx) bt A Kohlberg (US), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
MEMPHIS: US indoor championship: First round: (US unless stated): A Chesnokov (USSR) bt C Saoyn (SA), 6-3, 6-2; D Visser (SA) bt J Anas, 7-6, 7-6, T Moor bt K Jones, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; S Casal (Sp) bt M Purcell, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; A Marsdorf (Is) bt A Agassi, 6-0, 6-3. Second round: E Jelen (WG) bt Vizaga, 6-3, 6-1; Holmes bt A Krickstein, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; U Stenlund (Swe) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; K Curren (SA) bt C Panatta (It), 6-4, 6-2; B Gilbert bt J Sadri, 6-1, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) R Reneberg, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4.
SAN FRANCISCO: Virginia Slims tournament: (US unless stated): M J Fernandez bt R White, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; W White bt M von Nostrand, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; M Navarro (Sp) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; S Reiss bt K Gompert, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; P Harper bt S Goles (Yug), 6-3, 6-1, A White bt M Gurney, 6-2, 6-1; S Henika (WG) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; Z Garrison bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-3, 6-3.
OKLAHOMA CITY: Virginia Slims tournament: First round: S Perkhomenko (USSR) bt S Cecchini (It), 6-2, 6-4; E Minter (Aus) bt S Gomer (GB), 7-6, 6-4; S Mayer (WG) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-1, 6-3; N Bykova (USSR) bt A Smylie (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt W Probst (WG), 7-5, 6-1; L Savchenko (USSR) bt N Zvereva (USSR), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; C Karlsson (Swe) bt P Paradis (Fr), 6-2, 6-0.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbuhel	40	120	fair	heavy	worn	fine	1
More snow needed							
FRANCE							
Flaine	105	210	good	good	good	cloud	4
Superb skiing in new snow							
Les Arcs	70	140	good	powder	good	cloud	-6
Good skiing all over							
Tignes	140	170	good	powder	good	cloud	-1
New snow on hard base							
Val Thorens	150	250	good	varied	good	cloud	-4
Lifts limited by high winds							
SWITZERLAND							
Gstaad	50	100	good	heavy	fair	fine	9
Best skiing on upper slopes							
Klosters	70	140	good	heavy	fair	cloud	0
Snow falling above 1500							
Verbier	60	165	good	heavy	fair	fine	8
Snow on all pistes							
Wengen	40	90	good	heavy	fair	fine	3
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Zermatt	65	185	good	varied	good	snow	2
New snow on good base							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND
Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a hard base, middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a hard base, lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow, vertical runs, 1800ft, hill roads, clear, main roads, clear, snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base, middle runs, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base, lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base, vertical runs, 1500ft, hill roads, clear, main roads, clear, snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete with many icy patches on a hard base, lower slopes, some runs complete, new snow on a hard base, vertical runs, 1400ft, hill roads, clear, main roads, clear, snow level, 1300ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs almost complete, new snow on a firm base, middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base, lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base, vertical runs, 700ft, hill roads, clear, main roads, clear, snow level 700ft. Forecast for today: isolated snow showers and sunny intervals; cold; wind light or moderate, mainly northerly; freezing at all levels rising to 1500ft. Outlook for tomorrow: mainly dry; light winds
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

ITALY

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Abetone	30	60
Alleghe	20	70
Andalo	20	70
Aprica	15	70
Arabba	30	50
Bardonecchia	40	90
Bormio	0	40
Canazei	25	60
Caspoggio	10	50
Cervinia	50	100
Chiesa Valmalenco	5	60
Claviere	25	80
Corona d'Ampezzo	10	30
Corvara	25	50
Courmayeur	40	160
Falcade	40	50
Foppolo	50	60
La Thuile	40	140
Livigno	30	50
Madesimo	50	80
Madonna di Campiglio	40	70
Macugnaga	50	100
Manilevà	30	50
Prancavallo	85	105
Ravascletto	45	80
S Caterina Valfurva	50	85
S Martino di Castrozza	25	65
Sappada	25	45
Sauze d'Oulx	20	50
Selva di Valgardena	20	60
Tonale	30	50
Vipiteno	30	45

AUSTRIA

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Bad Kleinkirchheim	-	50
Brand	60	130
Hirterstoder	40	200
Innsbruck/Igls	15	145
Ischgl	60	155
Lech	115	280
Mayrhofen	15	75
Neustift	30	55
Niederau	30	120
Obergurgl	65	140
Saalbach/Hinterglemm	100	175
St Anton	65	295
Schladming	40	160
Seefeld	-	70
Solden	20	100
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Change of heart

Don Mackay, the new manager of Blackburn Rovers, has persuaded the midfield player Mark Patterson, aged 21, to withdraw a transfer request submitted shortly before the Scot's appointment at the second division club was announced.

Ilford date

Noel Magee, the unbeaten light heavyweight from Belfast, meets Lennie Howard, of Chelmsford, on Billy Aird's first promotion at the Ilford Palais on February 24. Also on the bill is Aird's new heavyweight Gary McConnell, aged 19, from Camberwell, who boxes Steve Garber, of Bradford.

SNOOKER

Meo grinds his way to a three-frame lead

Tony Meo, defending the only major title he has won, built a painstaking and often laboured three-frame lead over Les Dodd in the final of the Tolly Ales English Snooker Championship at Ipswich yesterday.

Meo ended leading Dodd, the under-dog who surprised many by reaching the final, by five frames to two.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle



Portrait of the Protector: Bert Parnaby takes on the guise of Oliver Cromwell in Timewatch (BBC2, 8pm)

Straightforward contradictions

● A portrait of Oliver Cromwell forms the centre of **Timewatch** (BBC2, 8pm): while Cromwell (very well portrayed by Bert Parnaby) sits for an artist, he also examines his conscience on the awkward subjects of his career — regicide, the Irish campaign, the execution of the Levellers. Parnaby plays Cromwell with warm conviction, above all as a straightforward man, while various contemporary historians um and ah and disagree about the contradictory nature of the Lord Protector. As one puts it, Cromwell is the historian's Hamlet and every generation feels the need to go back and try to get him right.

● One in three marriages is now a remarriage, therefore, **40 Minutes** (BBC2, 9.30pm) argues, this is the age of the step-family. *Do You Still Love Me?* devotes itself to this

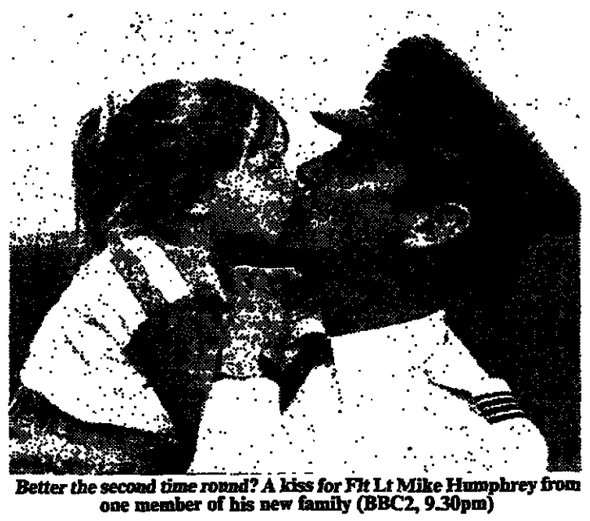
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sticky subject and three families talk of the strains imposed on the extended family. Violence, sexual jealousy and financial strain are the most common problems. If family life is hell, then life in a step-family is, on the evidence of this, doubly hellish, and sometimes in this documentary of grisly fascination it is hard to tell where candour ends and cruelty starts.

● The frequent problem with television drama is that it pays too much attention to the script and not enough to the visuals. Contemporary British films, on the other hand, often undervalue the importance of the script. For this reason *Film On Four* sometimes risks being neither properly one nor the other. A new season of films begins with **The Chain** (Channel 4, 9pm), written by Jack Rosenthal and directed by Jack Gold, men who have both made their reputations in television. It concerns that bottomless source of British anecdote and nightmare, buying and moving houses. However, it is the cast that really recommends this film. It includes Nigel Hawthorne, Bernard "Yosser" Hill and Billie Whitelaw.

● The most mysterious title of the week has to be **Steelchest, Nail in the Boot and the Barking Dog** (Channel 4, 10.50pm) which in fact relates the story of the Belfast shipyard through the songs and anecdotes of those who work there. The programme won last year's prize at Ireland's Golden Harp Television Festival.

Chris Petit



Better the second time round? A kiss for Flt Lt Mike Humphrey from one member of his new family (BBC2, 9.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Watchdog. On the day that Crufts dog show commences, how kind are we to canines? **8.55** *Regional news and weather.* **9.00** News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Silk and a studio audience of hereditary and life peers discuss 'Is the House of Lords a valid institution?' **9.45** Advice Shop. A scheme to give home carers a break. **10.00** News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. *(r)* **10.25** Children's BBC. **10.30** Play School **10.50** Ivor the Engine. *(r)* **10.55** Five to Eleven. Rudolph Walker with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Food and Drink. *(r)* **11.35** Open Air includes news and weather at 12.00. **12.20** The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from Blackpool. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. **1.50** The Flumps. *(r)* **2.05** Film: Where There's a Will (1936) starring Will Hay and Graham Moffatt. Comedy about an impoverished lawyer with offices above a bank. Directed by William Beaudine **3.20** Shak, the Red Fox. The second of two programmes following the progress of a young foxborn on the Somerset Levels. *(r)* **3.50** The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part four. *(r)* **4.00** Fingermouse. *(r)* **4.10** SuperTed. *(r)* **4.20** The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part five. *(r)* **4.25** Jackanory. Christopher Guard with part four of Gaffer Samson's Luck. **4.35** Thundercats. **5.00** John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter includes the China Youth Symphony Orchestra making their only television appearance during their short concert tour of the country; and students of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama attempting to break the visiting-the-London-Underground-stations record. (Ceefax) **5.35** First Class. Harris Academy, Dundee, meet Dr Challoner's Grammar, Buckinghamshire, in a quarter-final of the inter-school video quiz. **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. *Weather.* **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Top of the Pops. **7.30** EastEnders. Den is unhappy about Nick's entrepreneurial activity. (Ceefax) **8.00** Tomorrow's World includes reports on a new dental treatment; a robot computer game opponent; a powerful microscope which can look at a single atom; and a man-made fabric that breathes better than cotton. **8.30** A Question of Sport. Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Frank Bruno, Terry Butcher, Rob Andrew, and Liz Lynch. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Bread. Comedy series about a resourceful family fighting to survive the curse of unemployment. **10.00** Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Diana Jeuda, Charles Moore, and MPs Michael Heseltine and Simon Hughes. **11.00** UK Dance Championship 87. Ray Moore introduces the second of two programmes from the Bournemouth International Centre. **11.50** Weather.



Home, not so sweet home: a bitter confrontation while moving house in Jack Rosenthal's The Chain (Ch4, 9pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Rules Rule, OK? Ends at **7.20. 9.00** Ceefax. **9.35** Daytime on Two: basic German conversation **9.52** How a baby grows in the mother's womb, and an actual birth. For eight- to 10-year olds **10.15** The fish of the newly-cleansed River Thames **10.38** History - Roosevelt and the New Deal **11.00** Thinkabout **1.18** Owning up to wrongdoing. **11.40** The 11-year old unsolved murder of Enrico Sidoli **12.12** The 1941 bombing of Clydeside **12.32** Ceefax **12.45** Science: the Periodic Table **1.05** A French course for beginners **1.38** The travellers of Wales **2.00** *News and weather* **2.02** The logistics of moving house **2.15** Basic musical form. **2.35** Bazaar. Judi Spiers with more hints on how to cut the cost of living. *(r)* **3.00** News and weather. **3.03** World Bowls. The last two second round matches in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship. **3.50** *News, regional news and weather.* **4.00** Pamela Armstrong. **4.30** World Bowls. The second visit of the afternoon to the Coatbridge Bowling Club. **5.30** Film 87 *(r)* **6.00** Mission Impossible. The team is out to save a small state's leader-in-exile in order to depose the cruel dictator who took over. *(r)* **6.50** International Pro-Celebrity Golf. The first of a new series of ten programmes in which Tony Jacklin and Gary Player, with various partners, play for the Whyte and Mackay Scotch Trophy over a selected nine holes of the Ailsa Course, Turnberry. This evening, the partners are Jasper Carrott and Cliff Thorburn. Presented by Peter Alliss. **7.40** World Bowls. Highlights of this afternoon's second round matches. **8.00** Timewatch: Faces of Cromwell. How do modern historians view Cromwell? Christopher Hill, Hugh Trevor-Roper, Blair Worden, Ivan Roots, and Brendan Bradshaw give their opinions. With Bert Parnaby as Cromwell, and Peter Pacey as the painter, Peter Lely. **9.00** The Mistress. Luke is lonely when both his wife and his mistress desert him at the same time. **9.30** 40 Minutes: Do You Still Love Me? A documentary about new relationships formed in step-families. (Ceefax) **10.10** World Bowls. The first quarterfinal of the World Indoor Bowls Championship. **10.35** Newsnight **11.20** Weather. **11.25** World Bowls. The final visit of the day to Coatbridge. **12.10** Open University: Weekend Outlook **12.15** Eurekaaargh! Ends at **12.45**

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6.15 TV-am presented by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**. **7.00** Good Morning Britain introduced by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Una Stubbs' postbag at **8.35**. After Nine includes a recorded interview with Cilla Black; Claire Rayner with advice on personal problems; and, at **9.17**, exercises with Lizzie Webb. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Schools: how a story is printed in a newspaper **9.42** Learning to read with Bill Oddie **9.54** How animals and plants survive the cold **10.11** A film to stimulate creative work **10.28** Coming to the attention of the police **11.03** Episode three of Jan Mark's ghost story, Interference **11.20** How television title sequences are designed **11.37** How We Used to Live: a flu epidemic. **12.00** Creepy Crawlies. *(r)* **12.10** Puddle Lane **12.30** The Sullivans. **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news. **1.30** Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine business **2.25** Home Cookery Club. Crunchy Fruit Layer. **2.30** Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on love and romance in the Aids era. With Germaine Greer, Philip Hodson, Liz Hodgkinson **3.00** Take Six Cooks. Food lecturer John Hubbard prepares dessert. *(r)* **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** The Raggy Dolls. *(r)* **4.10** Batfink *(r)* **4.20** The Wind in the Willows. Badger's Remedy **4.45** The Blunders. *(r)* **4.50** The Book Tower. (Oracle) **5.15** Connections. General knowledge quiz game for sixth formers. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of Pensions from the 40s. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Emmerdale Farm. Kathy finds it impossible to keep her secret. **7.30** Duty Free. Comedy series about two couples on a Spanish package holiday. (Oracle) *(r)* **8.00** This Week: Too Small a Country. As emigration reaches its highest point for 40 years, a report by Denis Tuohy, in Europe and Ireland, on why Ireland's graduates, mainly scientists and engineers, are preferring to work abroad. It is not just the better rates of pay, it is, those who work on the Continent claim, a noticeably easier way of life and a freer social climate. **8.30** Never the Twain. Comedy series starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as rival antiques dealers. (Oracle) **9.00** L.A.Law. The first of a new drama series about a successful Los Angeles law firm. Victor Sifuentes defends a man accused of attempted murder after he attacks a man cleared of killing his child. **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines **10.30** Quincy. The investigative pathologist works on the case of a murdered eccentric inventor. Starring Jack Klugman. *(r)* **11.30** The Jews of London. This final programme on Jewish life in London examines the lives led by the ultra-Orthodox. **12.00** Kojak. The detective investigates three murders that began with a belt being stolen. **12.55** Night Thoughts.



Going home: workers leaving the Belfast shipyard in a scene from The Steelchest, Nail in the Boot and Barking Dog (Ch4, 10.50pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.20 Their Lordships' House. *(r)* **2.35** Film: The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady (1950) starring June Haver and Gordon Macrae. Musical tale about the daughter of a celebrated musical comedy star who is refused permission by her father to follow in her mother's footsteps. Directed by David Butler. **4.30** Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Ted Taylor, an organist from Burton-on-Trent. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley assisted by Steve Jones. **5.00** Badminton. Highlights of the Carlsberg English National Championships 1987 from Crawley, presented by Richard Keys. The commentators are Dave Brenner and Derek Talbot. **5.30** Two by Forsyth. Two short stories by Frederick Forsyth - A Careful Man, about a dying millionaire and his plan to stop his greedy family inheriting his money; and Privilege, how a libelled stamp collector obtains justice. *(r)* **6.30** Union World: The Lessons of Wapping. Mike Walsh examines the break-up of union solidarity since the 1970s; and Trevor Hyett talks to Tony Dubbins, Roy Sanderson, and Ken Gill. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen, includes Trevor McDonald's final report from Nicaragua - a profile of the country's President Daniel Ortega. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather. **8.00** Treasure Hunt. The first of a new 14-part, fifth series. Anneka Rice huffs and puffs around Switzerland on behalf of the brother and sister team of Paul Tomlinson and Hazel Ferneyhough. The urbane Kenneth Kendall is the anchorman in the studio. (Oracle) **9.00** Film on Four: The Chain (1985) starring Maurice Denham, Nigel Hawthorne, Bernard Hill, and Denis Lawson. A Jack Rosenthal comedy about the experiences of seven couples, each moving house, each dependent on the other to keep the fragile chain in one piece. Directed by Jack Gold. (Oracle) **10.50** Steelchest, Nail in the Boot and the Barking Dog. An award-winning documentary telling the story of Belfast docks through songs, stories and anecdotes of the men who work there. **11.45** Maya Angelou in Performance. The entertainer entrances her 1000-strong audience at London's Lewisham Theatre with a mixture of songs, stories, poetry, prose, laughter, and dance. **12.25** Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.40**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 2.05pm-3.30 Snooker 5.35-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 So You Think You Know 11.50-12.20am Snooker 12.20-12.25 News and weather NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-6.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Short Mat 8.30-9.00 Spotlight 11.50-11.55 News and weather ENGLAND 5.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 2.35pm-3.00 Snooker and Racing 3.03-3.50 Snooker and World Bowls 4.30-5.30 Snooker and World Bowls NORTHERN IRELAND 11.17am-12.02pm Ceefax

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00-7.30 Who's The Boss? 10.30 Snooker 12.30am Peruvian Connection, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Curling 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 10.30 Falcon Crest 11.30 Wanted Dead or Alive 11.55 Bliss in Concert 12.25am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Contact 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 News 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 Film: The Border 12.40am Jobfinder 1.40 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Country GP 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Lifestyles 11.55 Untouchables 12.50am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Curling 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 7.00-7.30 Grampian Sheepdog Trials 10.30 Curling 11.30 Crann Tara 12.00 Sounds Gaelic 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This Is your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 10.30 End of Empire 11.30 T J Hooker 12.25am Close-down.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 News 10.30 West This Week 10.55 Weekend Outlook 11.00 Scene '87 11.35 Sweeney 12.35am Close-down.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.03am-11.18 Looking Forward 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six 10.30 Wales This Week 11.05-11.35 Lifestyles.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Quincy 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Today South West 6.30 Action South West 6.35 Amoebes to Zebras 7.05-8.00 Highway to Heaven 10.32 Your Music 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Worlds Beyond 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Country GP 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Lifestyles 11.55 Untouchables 12.50am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 10.32 Where Do We Go From Here? 11.00 Mike Hammer 12.00 Scenes of Old Richmond 12.10am Close-

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.30-4.00 Bygones 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Police Six 10.30 Counterpoint 11.00 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace' 12.00 Jazz 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law 6.00-6.35 Calendar 10.30 John Briggs Music Show 11.00 European Detective 12.00 Worlds Beyond 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 11.10am Ysgolion 11.45 Interval 12.30pm Beyond Belief 1.00 Years Ahead 1.45 Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Power Game 3.30 World Alive: Spain 4.05 Ffalabalam 4.20 Athro Amser 4.25 Hafoc 5.00 Badminton 5.30 Education Extra 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Moneyspinner 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Gorsuon Rosslnd A Myrddin 8.00 Fferrnio 8.30 Dinas 9.05 Heno Heno 10.20 Snwcer 10.50 Hill Street Blues 11.45 Upline 12.45am Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below) *News on the half-hour from* **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then **10.00** and **12.00** midnight. **5.30am** Simon Mayo **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** Elton John at the Beeb: Archive recordings **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 & 2 **4.00 am** As Radio 2 **10.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF *News on the hour. Headlines* **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** The Beverley Sisters **5.05** John Dunn from Ascension Island **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Rhythm and Blues **10.00** Pull the Other One! **10.30** Star Sound Cinema. **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00am** Steve Madden presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

Radio 3

6.35am Open University (vhf only). Why Study the State? **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert. Beethoven, Overture: Egmont (ECO under Tilson Thomas); Rodolphe Kreutzer, Grand Quintet in C (Sarah Francis, oboe, with Allegri String Quartet); Brahms, Intermezzi: in E minor, Op 119 No 2; in C, Op 119 No 3 (Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, piano); Haydn, Symphony No 77, in B flat (Philharmonia Hungarica under Anatal Dorati). **8.00** News **8.05** Morning Concert (cont). Elgar, Overture: Cockaigne (In London Town) (SNO under Alexander Gibson); Ireland, Two pieces (1925): April; Bergomask (Eric Parkin, piano); Tippett, Fantasia concertante on a theme of Corelli (Academy of St Martin-in-the-fields); Walton, Prelude and Spitfire Fugue (RLPO under Sir Charles Groves). Records. **9.00** World Service News. **9.05** This Week's Composer. Smetna — The Last Years. Tabor (Ma vlast); Czech dances (Jan Novotny, piano). **10.00** Brahms. Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2. Andrew Marriner (clarinet) and Alan Gravill (piano). **10.25** Bochmann String Quartet, with Roger Tapping (viola), play Mozart's Quartet in D minor (K 421) and Dvorak's Quintet in E flat, Op 97. **11.30** Six Continents. Selection of foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC. **11.50** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under George Hurst, plays Britten's Four Sea Interludes (Peter Grimes) and Beethoven's Symphony No 3, in E flat (Eroica).

1.00 News **1.05** Bristol Lunchtime Concert, live relay from St George's. With Nicholas Daniel (oboe) and Julius Drake (piano). Michael Head, Three dances: Gavotte; Elegaic Dance; Presto; Lennox Berkeley, Sonatina, Op 61; Michael Berkeley, Fierce Tears (first UK broadcast); Madeline Dring, Danza Gaya; Waltz; Italian Dance.

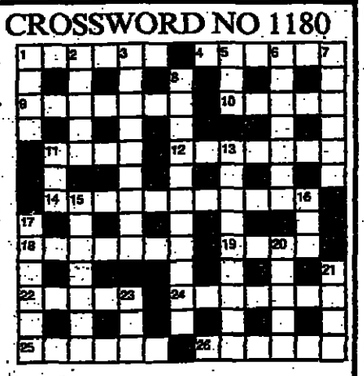
2.00 Early Romantic Operas. Der fliegende Holländer (The Flying Dutchman). Records of Wagner's opera sung in German, with Simon Estes in the title role. **4.20** The Shakuhachi. Music for the Japanese bamboo flute, played by Yoshikazu Iwamoto. **4.45** NCOS Symphony Orchestra, under Adrian Leaper, with the first performance of Mark-Anthony Turnage's Ekaya.

5.00 World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure. **6.55** News **7.00** BBC Symphony Orchestra in Sarasota, conducted by Sir John Pritchard. Part one: Strauss, Symphonic poem: Till Eulenspiegel; David Matthews, Symphony No 3. **7.40** One Pair of Ears. Denis Vaughan's look at the week's music **7.55** BBC SO in Sarasota (part two). Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D, with Nigel Kennedy (violin). **8.45** Big Tomorrow. Professor Colin Blakemore examines Japanese scientific research in the second of two documentaries. **9.30** A Bach Recital. David Moroney (harpsichord) plays Fantasic and Fugue in A minor (BWV 904); Prelude in G major (BWV 902), and Ricercare in six voices (The Musical Offering, BWV 1079). **10.00** Music in Our Time. Andries von Rossem, Brisk (Netherlands Ballet Orchestra under Ed Spanjaard); Horacio Vaggione, Thema realised at IRCAM, Paris; Zoran Eric, Subito (Chorale of the Belgrade Collegium Musicum); Teruaki Suzuki, Concerto for violin and orchestra (Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra with soloist K. Suzumi). **10.55** First Night. Marily Butler reviews A View From the Bridge, by Arthur Miller, at the National Theatre. **11.05** Malcolm Lipkin. String Trio (1963-4): Clifford's Tower, Played by members of the Nash Ensemble. **11.57-12.00** News.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty Four Hours 7.30 Sing Gospel 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Technologies for 21st Century 10.00 News 10.01 Look What They've Done to My Song 10.30 After Henry 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 A Letter from England 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Patrick Martyn's Music Box 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Nashville Cats 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from England 5.30 News 5.39 Twenty, Four Hours 6.30 Business Matters 9.00 News 9.01 Book Choice 9.05 In the Meantime 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from England 10.30 Financial News 10.45 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.30 Masterpiece in Miniature 11.40 Farming World 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Patrick Martyn's Music Box 1.45 Book Choice 1.50 In the Meantime 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Zoowalk — Berlin 2.30 Puccini and his World 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Business Matters 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Country Style 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT

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Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather, Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Face the Facts. Tackles injustice, fraud, abuse of power and inept bureaucracy **9.30** The Natural History Programme. Jane Goodall reports from the Chimpanzee Wars in Tanzania.

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England complete grand slam

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

England rounded off their tour here last night by adding the World Series Cup to their previous successes in the Ashes and the Perth Challenge one-day tournament. By winning a good, hard match against Australia by eight runs they avoided the need for a third final, scheduled for Melbourne tomorrow, having won the first last Sunday. Instead, they can now celebrate a job well done.

After making only 187 for eight on a moderately good pitch in their own 50 overs (they won the toss) England knew that only a good performance in the field would see them through, and they produced one. They gave it all they had, fielding very well, bowling better than tidily and sharing delightedly in each other's successes. It was the first time England had won the WSC Cup – a much lesser prize than the Ashes, but one that attracts great interest and enthusiasm here.

In the end, O'Donnell, a formidable hitter of the ball, had to score 18 off the last over to take the finals to a third match. He had already driven DeFreitas for two splendid sixes. Eighteen was exactly the number that Lamb took off Reid in the last over to win England's last match between the two sides at Sydney, and O'Donnell was certainly capable of emulating him.

Foster, the bowler, knew it, and it was much his biggest moment of the tour, a lot of which he has spent watching rather than playing the game. He made up for some of that now by putting the ball where it was important that he should – in the blockhole or thereabouts. The crowd, 33,655 strong, took their disappointment very well, though when Australia had passed 50 without a wicket down an English defeat had looked more than likely.

It was another match in which more than one umpiring decision bore no close examination of the television replays. With the benefit of hindsight, the most crucial of these involved Waugh just when he was beginning to open out in the last 10 overs. Waugh looked in utter amazement when umpire French decided he had not beaten Foster's splendid return from third man; just as French, the England wicketkeeper, had when Wellham had been given not out for a run-out, and as Gatting did when he was given run out during England's innings.

For the first eight overs of the match Australia must have feared a repetition of the first of the finals, in which they were swept off the board by Botham. After facing only 31 balls yesterday Botham was 25 not out, with Davis, one of Australia's opening bowlers, already not knowing where on

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earth to try and pitch the next ball. Of the two fielders Davis was allowed outside the 30-yard ring, he soon had one at long-off, having twice been hit back over his head for four by Botham.

After half an hour Botham was out and a normal match began. Hitting at the pitch of a ball from O'Donnell, Botham was well caught by Ritchie, falling to his right for a low ball at backward square leg. To Australia's further relief, I imagine, Gatting sent Athey in next, a decision that would have seemed to make sense if Broad rather than Botham had been out. Someone, though, must have warned Athey against getting bogged down, so that of the 37 runs he added for the second wicket with Broad, in 11 overs, he made his full share.

With Broad on the way to his 12th half-century of the tour and Gower looking as though he meant business, England were 99 for two at halfway (25 overs), as good a position as they could have asked for. Even if they had tried to, they could hardly have lost their way more ineffectually than they then did. In the next 17 overs Gower, Broad, Gatting, Emburey and DeFreitas were all out while the score stumbled along to 146 for seven.

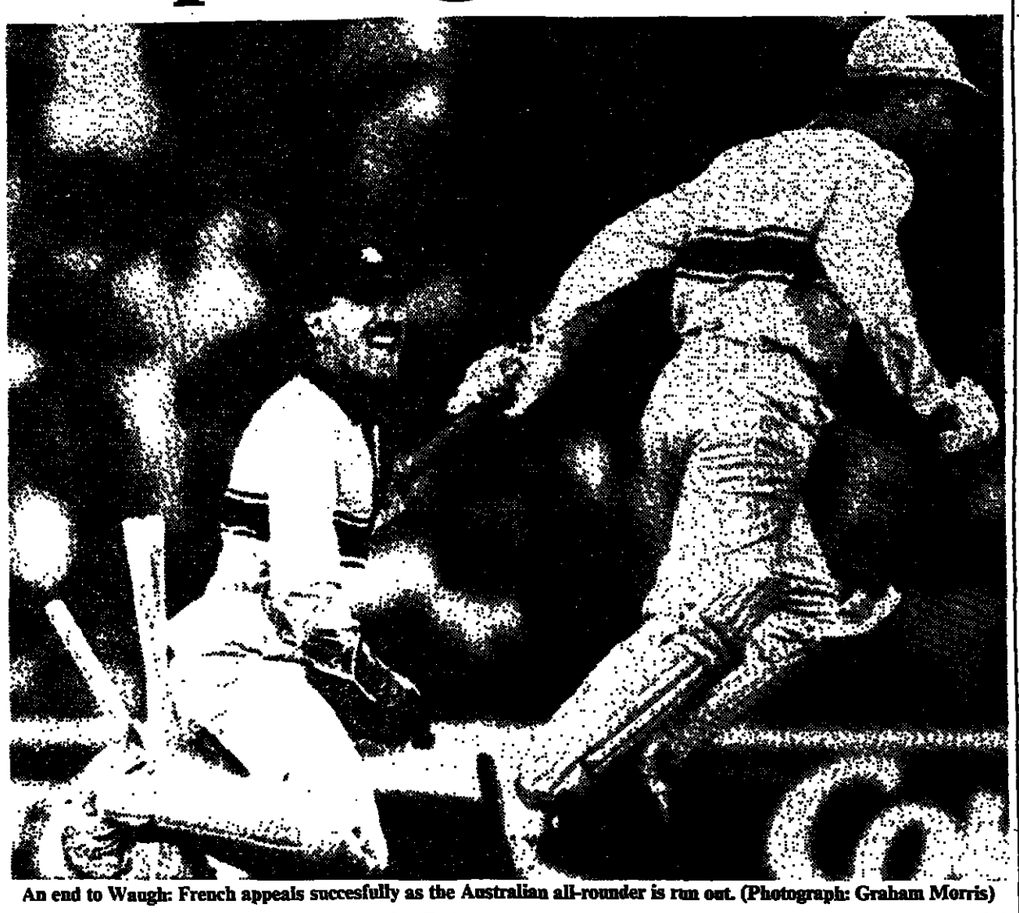
Gower sliced Taylor to extra cover; Broad was out to another good low catch on the leg side, by O'Donnell at short mid-wicket this time, and then Lamb made as neat a job of running out Gatting as could possibly be imagined. Lamb played Waugh to fine leg, took a quick first run, and turned and made off like a greyhound out of a trap on the second, convincing Gatting that he was in earnest. When, suddenly, Lamb put on the brakes, Gatting could not quite get back, though it looked as though he had.

To redeem himself Lamb made a bustling 35, much needed, and, in the event, invaluable runs. England were grateful, too, to Foster, French and Dilley for the few that they each made. England's first 50 took 12.3 overs, the second 13.5 and the third 16.3. The faster they needed to go the slower they went; but because of the way they were to bowl and field they finished with just enough.

The light may well have had something to do with England's batting decline. A cloudy day followed a wet night and had it not been for the powerful artificial lights being switched on in mid-afternoon the players would probably have come off. Even so, the Australian bowlers with the best figures were their two spinners, Taylor and Matthews, whose 20 overs cost only 60 runs. England had preferred the extra seamer (Foster) to Edmonds, which events, if not the precept, justified their doing.

At the start of Australia's innings Dilley and DeFreitas had no success, though DeFreitas's bowling personified England's determination not to go flogging back to Melbourne today. He is coming on as fast as he now bowled. It was not until Botham came on, though, that things started to happen. First Botham had Border caught at the wicket down the leg side, and then Marsh leg-before. A brilliant left-handed return catch by Emburey got rid of Jones, which was a vital wicket, before Botham removed Ritchie, caught at mid-off off a leading edge. For the way he batted and bowled Botham was made man of the finals, a good finish to his touring days.

If O'Donnell had been sent in earlier than the 42nd over, he could well have won the game for Australia. As it was, such targets as 50 off five overs, 37 off three, 28 off two and 18 off the last were feasible because of him. O'Donnell's consolation for keeping us on tenterhooks was to pot Botham by .04 of a run for the Kit-Kat scoring rate award!



An end to Waugh: French appeals succesfully as the Australian all-rounder is run out. (Photograph: Graham Morris)

SCOREBOARD FROM SYDNEY

ENGLAND

B C Broad c O'Donnell b Matthews	53
I T Botham c Ritchie b O'Donnell	25
C W J Athey b Matthews	18
D I Gower c Wellham b Taylor	17
*M W Gatting run out	7
A J Lamb c Zoehrer b O'Donnell	35
J E Emburey c Zoehrer b Waugh	6
P A J DeFreitas c Jones b Taylor	1
N A Foster c Taylor b Davis	7
†B N French not out	9
G R Dilley not out	6
Extras (lb 4, w 1)	5
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-73, 3-102, 4-120, 5-121, 6-143, 7-146, 8-170, 9-170.

BOWLING: Davis 10-0-44-1; O'Donnell 10-1-37-2; Waugh 10-0-42-1; Matthews 10-1-31-2; Taylor 10-2-29-2.

AUSTRALIA

G R Marsh lbw b Botham	28
*A R Border c French b Botham	27
D M Jones c and b Emburey	13
G M Ritchie c DeFreitas b Botham	4
D M Wellham c Gower b DeFreitas	30
S R Waugh run out	22
S P O Donnell not out	40
†T J Zoehrer lbw b DeFreitas	0
G R J Matthews run out	3
P L Taylor not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 2)	9
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	179

S P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-70, 3-72, 4-80, 5-124, 6-135, 7-135, 8-151.

BOWLING: Dilley 10-1-34-0; DeFreitas 10-1-34-2; Botham 10-1-26-3; Foster 10-0-51-0; Emburey 10-2-27-1.

Umpires: A R Crafter and R A French.

First final (Melbourne): England won by six wickets.

Victorious Gatting has the last laugh

Mike Gatting fought back the tears in Sydney last night and said: "I'm a very proud England captain." Gatting, aged 29, centre stage again after leading his side to their third major triumph of a glorious Australian summer, did not know whether to laugh or cry.

"I feel drained and emotional," he said. "I almost shed a tear or two in the dressing-room." Gatting was clutching the World Series Cup which England had just claimed after a nail-biting eight-run victory over Australia. And his players were already celebrating the final achievement of a remarkable tour.

"To win the Ashes was our prime objective," Gatting said. "To come away with the Perth Challenge and World Series Cup is a bonus which the players have thoroughly deserved. It has been a happy trip, everyone has been sensible and they've all played tremendous cricket. Winning has kept us going throughout the 18 weeks away from home. I could not have wished for a better first tour of Australia."

Gatting's team became the first England side to complete a treble in Australia. "That's not a bad result for the worst team to leave England," laughed Gatting.

Asked what Neil Foster had said to him before the final over of yesterday's game, the captain said: "He told me it was a great time to put him on. I just told him to keep the ball up and concentrate on the leg stump."

Allan Border, the Australian captain, said: "It has been a great summer for England. They clicked from the first day of the first Test." On the plus side for Australia, Border said: "Steve Waugh, Simon O'Donnell and Dean Jones have had an outstanding season for us. We'll go back now into the [Sheffield] Shield competition secure in the knowledge that we have great hopes for the next Test season here against New Zealand, Sri Lanka and in the special bicentenary Test against England."

England's final three days Down Under before leaving Australia on Sunday promise to be one long party. "I think we're going to enjoy a tremendous few days," Gatting said. "The only practice will be recovering from the celebrations. Not having to play a third final in Melbourne was a great spur to us."

England have virtually swept the board in Australia, picking up prize money in excess of £70,000 from the three competitions. Dilley added another £1,400 to the kitty by being voted the most effective bowler throughout the World Series Cup but Botham was pipped by the Australian O'Donnell for the batting award.

● *Ian Botham is to become an England selector – but only for one imaginary match. The all-rounder, aged 31, has been invited to form a panel with Colin Cowdrey and Sir Leonard Hutton to pick a "Living Legends" side to play a computer "Test" against Australian counterparts – selected by Greg Chappell, Richie Benaud and Bill O'Reilly*

LEADING WORLD SERIES CUP AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 100 runs, average 28.00

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
D M Jones (A)	10	10	0	396	101	39.60	1	2
B C Broad (E)	10	10	0	388	76	38.80	–	3
I V A Richards (WI)	8	7	0	266	70	38.00	–	3
A R Border (A)	10	10	1	321	91	35.66	–	2
G R Marsh (A)	10	10	0	354	94	35.40	–	2
S R Waugh (A)	10	10	3	245	83*	35.00	–	1
A J Lamb (E)	10	10	3	243	77*	34.71	–	1
A L Logie (WI)	8	8	2	199	46	33.16	–	–
S P O Donnell (A)	10	9	4	144	52	28.80	–	1
D L Haynes	6	6	0	170	67	28.33	–	1
I T Botham	10	10	1	252	71	28.00	–	1

Bowling

Qualification: 10 wickets

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	4w	R/O
M D Marshall (WI)	62.2	9	214	13	16.46	3-30	–	3.43
G R Dilley (E)	64.3	10	217	13	16.69	4-23	1	3.37
P A J DeFreitas (E)	92.5	12	292	17	17.17	4-35	1	3.14
G R J Matthews (A)	91.1	7	313	14	22.35	3-27	–	3.43
S R Waugh (A)	85	4	345	15	23.00	3-26	–	4.05
S P O'Donnell (A)	84	6	346	14	24.71	4-19	1	4.11
J E Emburey (E)	90.3	3	407	16	25.43	4-37	1	4.49
C A Walsh (WI)	72.1	7	251	10	26.10	3-40	–	3.61
P L Taylor (A)	82.1	4	337	12	28.08	3-29	–	4.10
R A Harper (WI)	79	1	300	10	30.00	3-49	–	3.79

No plot against Souness says Roxburgh

By Hugh Taylor

The shadow of Graeme Souness lay so heavily over the conference called yesterday for the announcement of the Scotland squad for the European championship qualifying match with the Republic of Ireland at Hampden Park on February 18 that for once no one showed interest in seeking clues to the formation of the team.

Not included in the Scottish squad of 19 was the Rangers's player-manager, Graeme Souness, who had on Tuesday indicated that he was fully occupied with his duties as player-manager of Rangers. The Scotland manager, Andy Roxburgh, spent 20 minutes pointing out that he and Souness were the best of *friends*, that the Rangers player-manager had intended no snub to the country and that he had not ruled him out of playing for Scotland at a later date.

Such, however, is the Scottish love of internecine strife that the affability of Roxburgh was ruffled as question after question hinted at feuds and vendettas.

Upset at the suggestion that Souness's latest disinclination to play in Scotland's dark blue colours – although in the *lighter blue of Rangers he is a* most influential figure in Scottish football – was part of a subtle revenge for his omission from Scotland's World Cup team in Mexico, Roxburgh snapped: "Don't be silly."

According to Roxburgh, Souness had not been chosen by him because "Graeme says he has so much on his mind as manager of Rangers that he cannot give 100 per cent of his attention to Scotland and I accepted that and decided not to choose him this time."

Then the voluble Roxburgh shot down a questioner who asked why it was possible for Kenny Dalglish, when he became player-manager of Liverpool, to have played for Scotland: "Kenny had taken over a team which was purring like a Rolls-Royce. Graeme is still trying to construct a Rolls-Royce side," he said.

Wisely deciding that further comment might turn the Souness affair into a *cause célèbre* and that more important aspects of the match against the Republic of Ireland had to be discussed, Roxburgh brought a highly unusual debate to an end by saying that Souness retained a positive desire to help Scotland and has not indicated that his international career is finished.

While the presence of Souness would have been invaluable in a game Scotland must win if they are to have any hope of surviving in a tournament in which the country has experienced only humiliation, Roxburgh has no lack of options in mid-field, where McStay and Strachan are again playing with distinction for their clubs. Bett, too, has found new admirers since joining Aberdeen and his steadying influence would be important in what could become a hectic match.

There is delight in the north that Miller has been recalled but whether he will be chosen in preference to Hansen or Gough in whom the coach is now pinning his faith is open to doubt.

● John Anderson is out of the Republic of Ireland squad to play Scotland because of a foot injury. Anderson informed his manager, Jack Charlton, of his withdrawal yesterday. Charlton will not decide on a replacement for Anderson until later this week.

Squad

A Görtes (Oldham Athletic), J Leighton (Aberdeen), H Smith (Heart of Midlothian), R Aitken (Celtic), J Bett (Aberdeen), D Cooper (Rangers), R Gough (Tottenham Hotspur), A Hansen (Liverpool), M Johnston (Celtic), B McClair (Celtic), M MacLeod (Celtic), P McStay (Celtic), M Malpas (Dundee United), W Miller (Aberdeen), D Narey (Dundee United), P Nevin (Chelsea), G Shaw (Everton), R Stewart (West Ham United), G Strachan (Manchester United).

ATHLETICS

Success for Sheffield

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

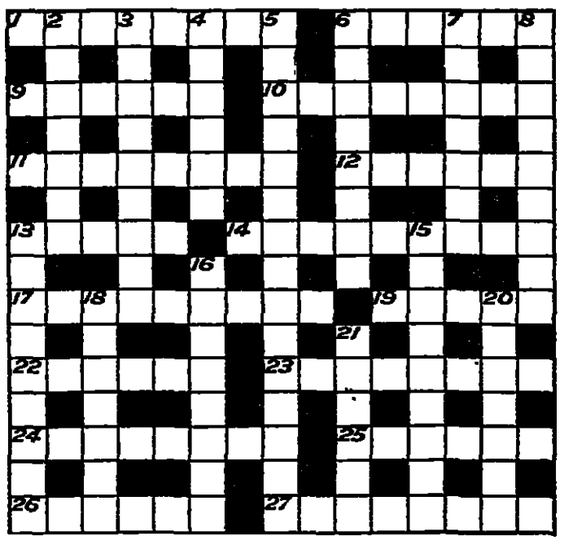
Sheffield has taken an option to become the first British venue to stage the World Student Games in 1991. The final decision on whether to go ahead will be taken about a month before the Games in Zagreb in July. Feasibility talks are now scheduled between Sheffield councillors and officials of the British Universities Sports Federation, who chose Sheffield yesterday ahead of Edinburgh.

Yuri Matischen, the BUSF general secretary, pointed towards a positive decision yesterday when he described the victorious Sheffield project as "ambitious, but backed with realism, and an enthusiastic cross-party commitment on the council, so there won't be any political problems. The city is keen to rejuvenate their part of South Yorkshire, and is prepared to back much of the necessary building as a justification of the plans. Stockholm and Innsbruck are planning bids, but we've learned a sound British bid would be highly regarded."

Birmingham dropped its candidature several weeks ago, and the Commonwealth Games fiasco doubtless militated against Edinburgh. But what Sheffield would have to overcome is disinterest in Britain in the past, despite some fine performances, like Graham Williamson's 1,500m win in Mexico in 1979, and Beverley Kinch's 100m victory in Canada in 1983.

With 12 sports, the Games are one of the biggest events outside the Olympic Games, with more than 6,000 athletes and officials expected by 1991.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,278



ACROSS

1 After one movement, faint as a piece of music (8).
6 One who fights foul, so to speak (6).
9 Restrict movement of cogwheel (6).
10 Minimal change in country for this reptile (8).
11 A riverside flat, for example, provides money (8).
12 Extra disappointment for would-be dancers (2-4).
13 Type rather like Horatio (5).
14 Writer sounding like one inferior to Pope (9).
17 Bird smaller than albatross for mariner to shoot (4-5).
19 Primrose, for example, as substitute (5).
22 Produce new line in opening (6).
23 Somewhat blunt language of some Germans (8).
24 Part of world I'm in is hard to belittle (8).
25 Bright red schoolboy (6).
26 Cause irritation in row with the French (6).
27 Chesterton's man a follower of Sheffield team? (8).

DOWN

2 Rabble-rouser's unfinished musical direction (7).
3 Group of experts to consider military vehicle (5-4).
4 Rise no different for higher ranking person (6).
5 Without delay, as bowler begins to fall off? (2,3,4,2,1,3).
6 Don't allow one into one's noble ranks (8).
7 Bit of canvas oil's apt to change (7).
8 Main depositor of explosives in coal seam (9).
13 Counter what conjurer did with lady saw'd in 'alf? (9).
15 Thieves' characteristic stupidity (9).
16 Legside blow could get one out (2,6).
18 Primitive male look-out? (7).
20 A vessel, spacious, turned up in the old country (7).
21 Dynasty's version of human condition, initially (6).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,277



WEATHER

A rather cold northerly airstream will become established. Central and southern parts of England will start cloudy with rain or sleet in places. It will become brighter in the W during the day. N England, Wales, N Ireland and Scotland will have some sunny periods and scattered sleet or snow showers. The showers will be confined mostly to coastal regions, the most frequent showers being in NE Scotland. It will be rather cold in the E, but many W areas will have temperatures near to the average for mid-February. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry on Friday with sunny periods and frost early and late in the day; becoming cloudy on Saturday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c 12	54	Madrid	d 5	41
Akrotiri	f 16	61	Majorca	c 13	55
Alex'dria	f		Malaga	f 15	59
Algiers	c 18	61	Malta	c 16	61
Amst'dm	f 6	43	Melb'rne	c 20	68
Athens	f 16	61	Mexico C*	s 15	59
Bahrain	s 22	72	Miami*	s 20	68
Barbados*			Milan	r 3	37
Barcelona	c 11	52	Montreal*	sn -11	12
Beirut			Moscow	s -9	16
Belgrade	s 10	50	Munich	c 5	41
Berlin	s 5	41	Nairobi	f 28	84
Bermuda*	f 16	61	N Delhi	s 21	70
Biarritz	r 10	50	N York*	s 0	32
Borde'x	c 9	48	Nice	th 10	50
Brussels	f 5	41	Oslo	sn -1	30
Budapst	s 5	41	Paris	r 4	39
B Aires*	s 27	81	Peking	s 8	46
Cairo	s 20		Perth	s 33	91
Cape Tn	s 21	70	Prague	fg 1	34
C'blanca	r 14	57	Reykjvik	c -2	28
Chicago*	s 6	43	Rhodes	f 16	61
Ch'church	f 19	66	Rio de J	c 23	73
Cologne	c 3	37	Riyadh	s 21	70
C'phgen	c 2	36	Rome	c 15	59
Corfu	r 12	54	Salzburg	f 5	41
Dublin	c 7	45	S Fr'sco*	fg 14	57
Faro	c 13	55	Santiago*	s 27	81
Florence	c 13	55	St'kholm	sn 0	32
Frankfurt	f 5	41	Strasb'rg	fg 1	34
Funchal	f 17	63	Sydney	c 21	70
Geneva	c 4	39	Tangier	r 13	55
Gibraltar	r 12	54	Tel Aviv	f 19	66
Helsinki	sn -11	12	Tenerife	f 21	70
Hong K	c 33	79	Tokyo	s 20	68
Innsbruck	s 11	52	Toronto*	c -1	30
Istanbul	s 12	54	Tunis	f 17	63
Jeddah	s 33	91	Valencia	f 11	52
Jo'burg*	s 27	81	Vanc'ver*	r 10	50
Karachi	s 25	77	Venice	c 8	46
L Palmas			Vienna	fg 1	34
Le Touet	f 9	48	Warsaw	c 2	36
Lisbon	c 12	54	Wash'ton*	s 4	39
Locarno	r 3	37	Wel'ton	s 21	70
L Angels*	c 17	63	Zurich	c 3	37

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.2	-	8	46	sunny
Bridlington	7.2	-	8	46	sunny
Cromer	3.7	-	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	3.9	-	8	46	bright
Clacton	6.6	-	9	48	sunny
Southend	7.4	.01	8	46	sunny
Margate	*	.04	9	48	sunny
Folkestone	8.5	.07	9	48	sunny
Hastings	8.2	.06	9	48	sunny
Eastbourne	8.1	.05	8	46	sunny
Brighton	8.0	.02	7	45	sunny
Worthing	8.2	.04	9	48	sunny
Littlehampton	8.3	.02	9	48	sunny
Bognor R	7.8	-	9	48	sunny
Southsea	8.4	-	9	48	sunny
Sandown	7.9	-	9	48	sunny
Shanklin	7.8	-	8	46	sunny
Bournemth	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Poole	7.7	.11	11	52	bright
Swanage	7.9	-	9	48	sunny
Weymouth	7.6	-	9	48	sunny
Exmouth	5.0	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	6.5	.02	9	48	sunny
Torquay	6.5	.01	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	*	.02	9	48	bright
Penzance	5.8	.05	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.6	.05	10	50	sunny
Jersey	7.1	.19	9	48	sunny
Guernsey	7.2	.08	10	50	sunny
Newquay	5.4	.05	10	50	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	.12	9	48	dull
Minehead	7.1	.06	9	48	shower
B'pool Airpt	6.3	.32	7	45	shower
Morecambe	5.3	.38	6	43	bright
Douglas	4.4	.23	6	43	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	6.1	.02	8	46	shower
Bristol (Cnt)	6.6	.08	8	46	shower
Carlisle	3.1	.57	7	45	hail
London	6.7	.02	11	52	sunny
Manchester	4.1	.18	7	45	sunny
N'cstle-n-Tyne	4.7	.24	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	3.1	.03	8	46	shower
Anglesey	5.4	.08	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	6.5	.02	8	46	shower
Colwyn Bay	*	.17	8	46	cloudy
Tenby	5.8	.05	9	48	sunny
Aberdeen	*	.75	3	37	snow
Edinburgh	4.4	.39	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	2.4	.48	6	43	shower
Glasgow	5.5	.84	7	45	snow
Kinloss	-	.59	4	39	rain
Lerwick	-	.17	5	41	sleet
Prestwick	4.3	.69	7	45	bright
Stornoway	*	.12	5	41	rain
Tiree	5.9	.29	7	45	sleet
Wick	-	.58	3	37	sleet

These are Tuesday's figures
*Figures not available

Sun rises: 7.21 am
Sun sets: 5.9 pm
Moon sets 7.21 am
Moon rises 3.22 pm
FULL MOON TOMORROW

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.59	6.2	1.26	6.4
Aberdeen	12.41	3.7	12.43	3.9
Avonmouth	6.31	11.6	6.53	11.7
Belfast	10.23	3.3	10.48	3.0
Cardiff	6.16	10.8	6.38	10.9
Devonport	5.00	5.0	5.25	4.8
Dover	10.31	5.8	10.48	6.1
Falmouth	4.30	4.8	4.55	4.6
Glasgow	12.16	4.2	11.58	4.6
Harwich	11.19	3.5	11.33	3.5
Holyhead	9.49	5.1	10.09	5.0
Hull	5.47	6.3	5.56	6.7
Ilfracombe	5.16	8.1	5.40	8.1
Leith	1.57	4.8	2.16	5.0
Liverpool	10.40	8.5	10.59	8.5
Lowestoft	9.21	2.1	9.00	2.2
Margate	11.34	4.2	11.39	4.4
Milford Haven	5.37	6.2	5.55	6.2
Newquay	4.28	6.2	4.49	6.2
Oban	5.18	3.5	5.45	3.6
Penzance	3.59	5.1	4.22	4.8
Portland	6.04	1.8	6.43	1.7
Portsmouth	10.49	4.2	11.17	4.3
Shoreham	10.35	5.5	11.04	5.7
Southampton	10.17	4.0	10.50	4.2
Swansea	5.40	8.3	6.04	8.3
Tees	3.01	4.7	3.11	5.0
W'ton-on-Nze	11.16	3.7	11.27	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	20.25	19.15
Belgium Fr	60.70	57.30
Canada $	2.12	2.02
Denmark Kr	10.67	10.27
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.85
France Fr	9.57	9.07
Germany Dm	2.895	2.795
Greece Dr	228	208
Hong Kong $	12.25	11.65
Ireland Pt	1.088	1.028
Italy Lire	2080	1940
Japan Yen	247	233
Netherlands Gld	3.255	3.075
Norway Kr	11.09	10.48
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	3.85	3.25
Spain Pta	201.25	191.25
Sweden Kr	10.31	9.76
Switzerland Fr	2.435	2.295
USA $	1.585	1.515
Yugoslavia Dnr	900	800

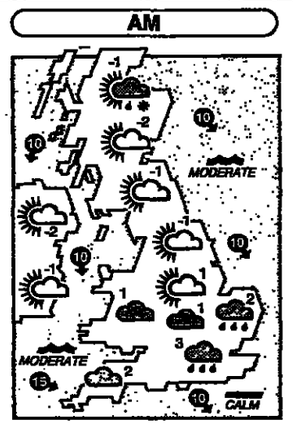
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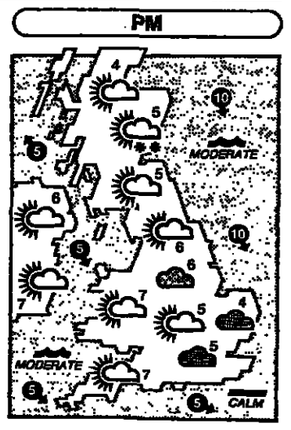
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.39 pm to 6.49 am
Bristol 5.48 pm to 6.59 am
Edinburgh 5.39 pm to 7.14 am
Manchester 5.42 pm to 7.3 am
Penzance 6.4 pm to 7.8 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c 2	36	Guernsey	f 7	45
B'mingham	r 5	41	Inverness	c 4	39
Blackpool	s 5	41	Jersey	f 8	48
Bristol	r 6	43	London	c 7	45
Cardiff	r 5	41	M'nchster	f 5	41
Edinburgh	s 5	41	Newcastle	f 5	41
Glasgow	f 5	41	R'nidmay	f 6	43

LONDON

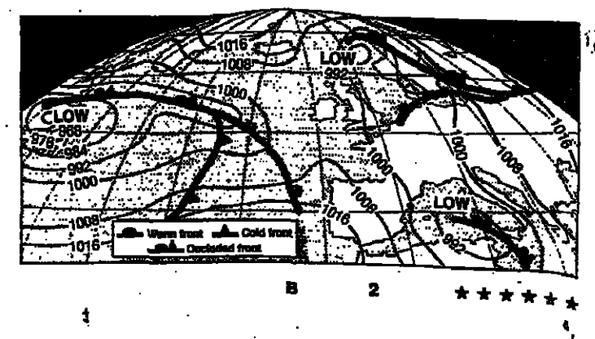
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.3 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 994.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.2hr.

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NOON TODAY



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